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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OCTOBER 25TH BOARD MEETING OF THE LOS  
7   ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS GOING TO BEGIN. PASTOR  
8   LATISHA SMITH WHO WAS SCHEDULED TO GIVE THE INVOCATION, HER  
9   G.P.S. HAD HER GO TO THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION IN VENICE,  
10   CALIFORNIA. SO SHE WAS COMING FROM CASTAIC AND ENDED UP IN  
11   VENICE AND IS UNABLE TO BE HERE. BUT OUR GOOD FRIEND, ANTHONY  
12   BROWN, IS GOING TO LEAD US IN INVOCATION AND OUR PLEDGE OF  
13   ALLEGIANCE WILL THEN BE DONE BY CHARLES WOODS, MEMBER OF THE  
14   POST NO. 8 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. SO BROTHER ANTHONY.

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16   **ANTHONY BROWN:** THANK YOU. SHALL WE PRAY? OUR FATHER, WE COME,  
17   DEAR MASTER, LORD, WE WANT TO FIRST SAY THAT WE THANK YOU. WE  
18   THANK YOU, LORD, FOR WAKING US UP THIS MORNING AND LEADING US  
19   OUT HERE. AND, LORD, WE PRAY IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD GOD THAT  
20   YOU MAY WATCH OVER US AS WE HAVE THIS MEETING. AND LORD, WE  
21   ASK THAT YOU MAY BLESS ALL THE SUPERVISORS AND THOSE THAT ARE  
22   HERE TO ADDRESS THEIR CONCERNS. AND NOW, LORD, IN GOD'S NAME  
23   WE DO PRAY, AMEN.

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1 **CHARLES A. WOODS:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY WE  
2 HAVE THE PLEDGE OF THE FLAG, PLEASE? (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
3 RECITED) .

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S  
8 MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR.  
9 CHARLES WOOD, WHO LIVES IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, IS A MEMBER  
10 OF AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 8. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES  
11 NAVY FROM 1955 TO 1965 AS A PETTY OFFICER ABOARD THE U.S.S.  
12 PERRY. HE RECEIVED A NAVY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND A NATIONAL  
13 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR  
14 40 YEARS, MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. AND ALSO I FOUND OUT THAT  
15 HE'S THE CHEF ABOARD THE LANE VICTORY AND THE U.S.S. LANE  
16 VICTORY AND DOES AN INCREDIBLE JOB. SO CHARLES, WE REALLY  
17 APPRECIATE YOU COMING DOWN HERE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE  
18 NOT ONLY ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS BUT YOUR SERVICE TO  
19 AMERICA. GOD BLESS YOU, MY MAN. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. BROWN, ANTHONY. HE REALLY DID US A  
22 FAVOR BY COMING UP FROM DOWNSTAIRS, AND WE APPRECIATE IT. THIS  
23 IS ONE OF THE MOST HAPPIEST INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COUNTY. I SEE  
24 HIM EVERY MORNING, EVERY EVENING, AND HE'S ALWAYS GOT A SMILE.





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1 THAT'S WHY HE'S GOING TO STAY YOUNG THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

2 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEGIN THE PROCEEDINGS.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE  
7 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE FOUR, PUBLIC  
8 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, WE WILL HOLD FOR THE PUBLIC  
9 HEARINGS. ON PAGE 7, EXCUSE ME, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD  
10 OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 5 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 5, THERE'S A  
11 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
12 NO. 7, SUPERVISOR KNABE INTRODUCED A SUBSTITUTE MOTION AS  
13 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM  
14 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. SO  
15 ITEM NO. 6 IS BEFORE--

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES,  
18 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 9, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 8  
21 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF  
22 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 10 AND 11, THERE'S A  
23 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON  
24 ITEM NO. 12, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE



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1 REFERRED BACK TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND THE REMAINING ITEM,  
2 WHICH IS ITEM NO. 9, IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 11, SEPARATE MATTER. ON THIS ITEM,  
8 I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE  
9 C.E.O.'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF THE SHORT-TERM  
10 BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN AN AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
11 52,798,000, TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT  
12 NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAPITAL ASSET LEASING  
13 CORPORATION. AND ON THIS ITEM THERE'S REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF  
14 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 14, AS  
15 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER 1,  
17 2011. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
18 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 12, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
19 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
20 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
21 ITEM NO. 15-A, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
22 TO HOLD THE ITEM. ON PAGE 15, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON  
23 ITEM NO. CS-4, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
24 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE



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1 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
2 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5. CS-4.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BEFORE WE DO THE FIFTH DISTRICT I WANT  
5 TO RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES  
8 AND GENTLEMEN. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL UP A GREAT  
9 FRIEND, CHIEF DEPUTY ASSESSOR GARY TOWNSEND AND HIS WIFE KATHY  
10 AND OUR COUNTY ASSESSOR, MR. JOHN NOGUEZ. GARY IS A FRIEND TO  
11 ALL OF US. HE IS CONCLUDING A REMARKABLE CAREER OF OVER 20  
12 YEARS IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. HE HAS SERVED ASSESSORS KENNY  
13 HAHN, RICK AUERBACH, ROBERT KWAN, AND NOW JOHN NOGUEZ. HIS  
14 KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, WISDOM AND TALENT ENABLED HIM TO  
15 PROVIDE VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO THE ASSESSOR'S BUDGET, OUTREACH  
16 ACTIVITIES, LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS AND AS A LIAISON TO  
17 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS AT ALL LEVELS OF  
18 GOVERNMENT. GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY WAS ONE OF GARY'S AND  
19 IS ONE OF GARY'S GREATEST ATTRIBUTES WHERE HE'S BEEN INVOLVED  
20 IN RAISING MONEY FOR A NUMBER OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS AND  
21 ALWAYS ENJOYS SPENDING SOME FREE TIME MENTORING YOUNG PEOPLE  
22 AND EVERY ONCE PLAYING A GOOD ROUND OF GOLF, AND IN BETWEEN  
23 HIS OTHER ROUNDS OF GOLF. EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE IT'S A GOOD  
24 ROUND OF GOLF. ANYWAY, SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, IT GIVES ME  
25 A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO GARY FOR





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1 HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE. BUT I KNOW SOME OF THE OTHER MEMBERS  
2 MAY HAVE SOME COMMENTS. BUT HIS INSIGHT AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO  
3 WORK WITH ALL OF US, OUR OFFICES, THE DEPARTMENTS, THE PEOPLE  
4 THAT WE REPRESENT, THE ISSUES THAT COME BEFORE US, IS GOING TO  
5 BE DIFFICULT TO REPLACE. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. AND  
6 THANK YOU FOR YOUR FRIENDSHIP, MY FRIEND. [APPLAUSE.] ALL  
7 RIGHT. I KNOW WE GOT SOME ASSESSOR FRIENDS. GARY, IT'S ALL  
8 YOURS, BUDDY.

9

10 **GARY P. TOWNSEND:** THANK YOU, DON. THIS IS AMAZING. I NEVER  
11 THOUGHT WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO TALK IN FRONT OF ALL OF YOU  
12 AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE LAST 22 YEARS OF WORKING FOR  
13 L.A. COUNTY. LUCKILY, I'VE WORKED FOR SOME REALLY GOOD  
14 ASSESSORS. KENNY HAHN BROUGHT ME OVER BACK IN 1990. AND THEN I  
15 WORKED WITH RICK FOR 10 YEARS. RICK WAS STUCK IN TRAFFIC AND  
16 KENNY'S HAVING MEDICAL THINGS UP IN SEATTLE OR THEY WOULD BOTH  
17 BE HERE. AND NOW I'M LUCKY TO HAVE WORKED FOR THE LAST YEAR,  
18 LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WITH JOHN, WHICH HE'S GOING TO DO A  
19 REALLY GOOD JOB AND I HOPE YOU GUYS CONTINUE TO GIVE HIM YOUR  
20 COOPERATION AND YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR HELP. TO THE BOARD  
21 MEMBERS, GLORIA, CUBA WAS WONDERFUL. FROM WORKING WITH YOU AT  
22 L.A. CITY TO NOW, IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PLEASURE. ZEV, WHAT'S TO  
23 SAY? I MEAN WE GO BACK TO, WHAT? '88 WHEN I WENT TO WORK FOR  
24 MIKE WOO AND I FIRST GOT TO KNOW YOU. AND MIKE ANTONOVICH, THE  
25 FIRST PERSON I CALLED WHEN I MOVED TO CALIFORNIA FROM RUSTON,



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1 LOUISIANA IN 1964, WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE YOUNG REPUBLICANS  
2 AT CAL STATE L.A., MIKE ANTONOVICH. AND I CALLED UP MIKE AND I  
3 SAID, "MIKE, I WANT TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO TO WORK FOR BARRY  
4 GOLDWATER." "WHAT?" AND MIKE SENT ME TO SAN FRANCISCO. I  
5 WORKED FOR BARRY GOLDWATER AND THANK GOODNESS I ENDED UP  
6 WORKING FOR BOBBY KENNEDY IN FOUR YEARS. BUT IT WAS A GOOD  
7 EXPERIENCE AND IT HELPED ME TO GROW AS A PERSON. AND MIKE,  
8 I'VE ALWAYS APPRECIATED YOUR FRIENDSHIP, YOUR SUPPORT, EVEN  
9 THOUGH I DIDN'T JOIN YOUR FRATERNITY, WE'VE MAINTAINED OUR  
10 FRIENDSHIP. MARK, I APPRECIATED YOUR FRIENDSHIP. I REMEMBER  
11 YOUR FIRST SCHOOL BOARD RACE, IS WHEN I MET YOU IN '87. AND  
12 WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE THEN. DON, DON INTRODUCED ME TO CARL  
13 JR.'S. I HAD NEVER BEEN TO A CARL JR.'S BEFORE. WE'VE HAD A  
14 LOT OF GOOD TIMES AND GOOD YEARS TOGETHER WHEN HE WAS CHIEF  
15 DEPUTY FOR DANA AND SINCE HE'S BEEN A SUPERVISOR. I'VE HAD THE  
16 PLEASURE OF WORKING WITH SOME GREAT C.I.O.'S AND C.E.O.'S,  
17 SPECIFICALLY DAVID JANSSEN AND BILL FUJIOKA. THE OTHERS I JUST  
18 SORT OF -- THEY WERE A BLUR. [LAUGHTER.] BUT DAVE AND BILL  
19 HAVE BEEN REALLY HELPFUL WHENEVER THE DEPARTMENT NEEDED  
20 ASSISTANCE, WHENEVER WE NEEDED HELP TO DO OUR JOB BETTER, THEY  
21 WERE THERE AND THEIR STAFFS AND EVERYBODY WORKED CLOSELY. AND  
22 WHEN I TALKED ABOUT THE SUPERVISORS, YOUR STAFFS HAVE ALL BEEN  
23 SPECTACULAR. ALISA'S BEEN WONDERFUL, CATHERINE AND TOM. I  
24 REMEMBER TOM MENTORED ME A LOT AND TAUGHT ME A LOT ABOUT HOW  
25 THE COUNTY WORKED. AND THEN I GET TO THE ASSESSOR'S STAFF. I



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1 KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE HERE. YOU'VE REALLY MADE MY JOB SO MUCH  
2 EASIER TRYING TO MAKE SURE THE DEPARTMENT TOOK CARE OF THE  
3 PUBLIC THE WAY IT SHOULD. WOULD ANY OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE  
4 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE PLEASE STAND? I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR MY  
5 JOB. [APPLAUSE.] YOU'RE INCREDIBLE PUBLIC SERVANTS AND I  
6 REALLY DO APPRECIATE YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE  
7 LAST 20 SOMETHING YEARS. AND I'LL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU  
8 WHETHER I'M WORKING HERE OR NOT. ALSO I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY  
9 MENTION, I COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT THROUGH THE LAST 20 SOMETHING  
10 YEARS WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF MY SECRETARIES. AND I KNOW  
11 THIS IS SORT OF OLD SCHOOL BECAUSE I GUESS A LOT OF PEOPLE  
12 DON'T HAVE SECRETARIES ANYMORE, BUT THEY-- I COULDN T-- THEY  
13 REALLY HELPED ME A LOT. AND SPECIFICALLY, I REMEMBER MY FIRST  
14 SECRETARY WAS KATE COMAI, WHO MICHAEL WILL REMEMBER. BUT THEN  
15 JOANNE GREEN, SHANNON BRENNAN, JILL BURTON, WHO I THINK IS  
16 HERE TODAY, DANA GIANBOBO, AND JACKIE CHAVEZ, MY PRESENT  
17 SECRETARY. THEY'VE REALLY BEEN MORE THAN SECRETARIES. THEY'VE  
18 BEEN FRIENDS, ASSISTANTS AND SORT OF, AS KATHY WOULD SAY,  
19 SOMEBODY THAT TOOK CARE OF ME WHEN I WASN'T AT HOME BECAUSE  
20 WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT -- I STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT  
21 I'M GOING TO DO WHEN I GROW UP. I MEAN, I'M REALLY HOPING THAT  
22 THERE'S NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND NEW CHAPTERS AND NEW THINGS FOR  
23 ME TO DO IN MY LIFE. AND I'M SURE THAT I'LL HAVE INTERACTIONS  
24 WITH ALL OF YOU IN THAT ADVENTURE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK  
25 SEVERAL OF MY FRIENDS ARE HERE THAT I'VE KNOWN FOR OVER 40



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1 YEARS. MICHAEL HARVEY AND NUMEROUS OTHERS THAT HAVE COME. IT'S  
2 BEEN A GREAT ADVENTURE. IT'S BEEN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO  
3 SOMETHING. I MEAN, I HAD NEVER HELD A JOB FOR MORE THAN 18  
4 MONTHS BEFORE I CAME TO WORK FOR THE COUNTY. SO, YOU KNOW, 22  
5 YEARS SEEMS LIKE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF TIME. BUT THERE'S STILL  
6 ANOTHER 20 OR 40 YEARS, THAT'S THE EXCITING THING, WHEN I  
7 THINK ABOUT IT. THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE TO DO. AND I GUESS  
8 THE LAST PERSON I WANT TO THANK IS THE PERSON WHO PROBABLY --  
9 I KNOW I WOULDN'T BE HERE AND I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD THE CAREER  
10 THE LAST 20 YEARS THAT I'VE HAD, OR I DON'T KNOW, I FEEL FUNNY  
11 CALLING IT A CAREER BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE RETIRING BUT  
12 I'M NOT REALLY RETIRING. BUT THE PERSON THAT'S REALLY HELPED,  
13 SORT OF BEEN MY ROCK, IS MY WIFE, CATHERINE. [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S  
14 PUT UP WITH ME AND HELPED ME, AND IT'S REALLY BEEN GREAT  
15 LIVING WITH HER. AND I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE WORKED FOR L.A. COUNTY. AND I'LL ALWAYS BE  
17 PROUD OF THE TIME THAT I SPENT HERE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. MAYOR? IF I CAN JUST SAY A  
20 WORD. GARY AND I GO BACK A LONG WAY. AND HE'S REALLY A TOP-  
21 FLIGHT PUBLIC SERVANT IN EVERY WAY, IN EVERY, BY EVERY  
22 DEFINITION OF THE TERM. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU FOR THE  
23 COOPERATION YOU'VE GIVEN MY OFFICE, MY STAFF, MYSELF WHEN WE  
24 HAVE CONSTITUENTS CALLING ABOUT THE ARCANE AND INANE  
25 PROCEDURES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE LAW AND THE ASSESSORS AND



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1 STUFF THAT I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND. WE JUST SAY "CALL GARY,  
2 HE'LL TAKE CARE OF IT." AND I CAN'T THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU  
3 DID NOT FIND A WAY, FIND A SOLUTION TO A PROBLEM ONE OF OUR  
4 CONSTITUENTS HAD. YOU JUST HAVE NO IDEA WHAT A BLESSING IT IS  
5 TO HAVE SOMEBODY LIKE YOU TO BE ABLE TO COUNT ON DAY IN AND  
6 DAY OUT ON A DEPARTMENT THAT WE REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE  
7 DETAILS OF. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. BUT I WANT TO  
8 ALSO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PUBLIC SERVICE, BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN A  
9 GREAT POLITICAL ACTIVIST WITH A LOWERCASE P. YOU'VE BEEN  
10 INVOLVED. YOU'VE BEEN ENGAGED. YOU CARE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING  
11 IN THE COUNTRY AND THE STATE AND HERE IN THE COUNTY AND THE  
12 VARIOUS CITIES. YOU'RE REALLY IN A REAL WAY A MAN FOR ALL  
13 SEASONS. AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU AND I GUARANTEE  
14 YOU JOHN NOGUEZ IS GOING TO MISS YOU. AND WISH YOU WELL. AND I  
15 KNOW YOU'LL FIND A WAY TO MAKE AN EVEN GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO  
16 LOS ANGELES IN THE YEARS AHEAD. THANKS, GARY. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO SAY, DON, LET ME ALSO  
19 MENTION THAT I FIRST MET GARY, WE WERE BOTH STUDENT BODY  
20 OFFICERS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND THEN LATER FROM THE UNIVERSITY,  
21 WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE, OUR PATHS CROSSED FROM  
22 TIME TO TIME, AND THEN COMING TO THE BOARD. AND I THINK OUR  
23 OFFICE, GOING BACK WITH TOM SILVER, MY FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF  
24 WHO PASSED AWAY, CATHERINE AND DR. LORI GLASGOW, WE'VE ALL HAD  
25 A VERY CORDIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GARY AND THE ASSISTANCE



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1 RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX ISSUES THAT HIT EVERY CITIZEN AND  
2 RESPONSE BASICALLY IN THE COUNTY AND BEEN ABLE TO BE VERY  
3 RESPONSIVE, WE APPRECIATE THAT. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, WE'RE DELIGHTED  
8 TO INVITE TO JOIN US THIS MORNING FOR A SPECIAL CELEBRATION,  
9 MRS. FRANCES SCOTT, OUR HONORED GUEST. SHE IS 100 YEARS OLD.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] AND WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE BOTH FRANCES MADISON  
11 AND TOMMY SCOTT WITH US. THEY ARE MRS. SCOTT'S CHILDREN, TWO  
12 OF THEM. BORN ON OCTOBER 6, 1911 IN BULLITT COUNTY, ALABAMA.  
13 SHE WAS THE THIRD OF EIGHT CHILDREN. SHE ATTENDED POST OAK  
14 SCHOOL AND THE WHITE GROVE SCHOOL. SHE MET AND MARRIED HER  
15 HUSBAND BENNY SCOTT IN ALABAMA IN 1935, WITH WHOM SHE HAD 12  
16 CHILDREN. SHE IS CURRENTLY THE PROUD GRANDMOTHER OF 37  
17 GRANDCHILDREN, 43 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND 12 GREAT GREAT  
18 GRANDCHILDREN. [APPLAUSE.] AND A NUMBER OF HER FAMILY MEMBERS  
19 HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING TO HELP HER CELEBRATE THIS  
20 OCCASION AND HER WONDERFUL LIFE. AND I'D LIKE TO JUST ASK THE  
21 SCOTTS FAMILY TO STAND SO WE CAN ACKNOWLEDGE YOU. AND WE THANK  
22 YOU FOR BEING HERE. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
23 MRS. SCOTT RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1955 AND IS FONDLY  
24 REGARDED AS A LOVING WIFE AND HOMEMAKER. SHE HAS BEEN AN  
25 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE FIRST ANTIOCH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH





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1 SINCE 1957, SERVING FAITHFULLY ON THE DEACONESS BOARD. THROUGH  
2 HER 100-YEAR OF LIFE, SHE HAS EXPERIENCED GREAT JOY IN CARING  
3 FOR HER CHILDREN, SHARING HER SENSE OF HUMOR WITH OTHERS, AND  
4 COOKING. MRS. SCOTT, WE SALUTE YOU TODAY AS YOU CELEBRATE THIS  
5 GIFT OF LIFE AS BEING A CENTENARIAN. AND CONGRATULATIONS ON  
6 REACHING THIS MILESTONE. WE CELEBRATE YOU WITH GREAT JOY AND  
7 RESPECT. AND AT THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO HEAR A FEW WORDS FROM  
8 HER SON, TOMMY. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **TOMMY SCOTT:** FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU, MARK,  
11 FOR MAKING AND PROVIDING THIS FOR MY MOTHER AND ALL OF THE  
12 OTHER BOARD MEMBERS. ONCE AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE  
13 HERE. AND ESPECIALLY MR. RON FISHER FOR MAKING THE EFFORT TO  
14 MAKE THIS HAPPEN, AS WELL. AGAIN, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU  
15 GUYS. THAT'S ABOUT ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH. THANK YOU, TOMMY. AND  
18 TO THE ONE AND ONLY FRANCES SCOTT ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY,  
19 OCTOBER 6 OF THIS YEAR, WE CELEBRATE YOU AND WE THANK YOU FOR  
20 BEING WITH US THIS MORNING. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE,  
21 WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S READING HER BIRTHDAY CARD,  
22 BROTHER. ALL RIGHT. THANKS VERY MUCH.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW WE WANT TO BRING UP FROM THE SANTA  
25 CLARITA VALLEY THE 2011 HART MUSTANG RED BASEBALL TEAM ON



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1 WINNING THE WORLD SERIES FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. THESE  
2 ARE 13 EXCEPTIONAL ATHLETES FROM THE WILLIAM S. HART PONY  
3 LEAGUE IN SANTA CLARITA. THE TEAM HAS AN OVERALL 34-7 RECORD  
4 WITH A TEAM BATTING AVERAGE OF 440 AND AN E.R.A. OF 3.74. HART  
5 BASEBALL ATTRACTS THE MOST TALENTED PLAYERS FROM ALL OVER,  
6 INCLUDING BOYS FROM THE ANTELOPE AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEYS. SO  
7 WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ALL ON YOUR GREAT VICTORY, YOUR  
8 WORLD SERIES. AND I KNOW TOMMY LASORDA'S DOING SOME SCOUTING  
9 AND MIKE SCIOSCIA, AS WELL. BECAUSE BOTH THE ANGELS AND THE  
10 DODGERS NEED SOME HELP FOR THE 2012 YEAR. [LAUGHTER.]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** GREAT SMILES THERE.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TELL US ABOUT THE GREAT TEAM.

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16 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. WELL, MOST OF US ARE PRETTY FAMILIAR WITH THE  
17 LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES. HOWEVER, WITH PONY BASEBALL, THE  
18 10-YEAR-OLD DIVISION IS A HUGE DEAL. AND THESE BOYS RIGHT HERE  
19 WERE CHOSEN FROM 435 OR SO NINE AND TEN-YEAR-OLDS FROM THEIR  
20 RESPECTIVE LEAGUE, AND THEY WENT ON TO START THE SUMMER BACK  
21 IN JUNE TO COMPETE AGAINST 4,000 OTHER TEAMS THROUGHOUT THE  
22 COUNTRY AND INTO OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WAS A LONG SUMMER. THEY  
23 HAD TO WIN THEIR DISTRICT. THEY HAD TO WIN THEIR REGION. THEY  
24 HAD TO WIN THE WEST REGION. AND THEN WHICH ULTIMATELY TOOK  
25 THEM TO TEXAS IN EARLY AUGUST. IN TEXAS, THEY WERE ABLE TO



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1 BEAT A TEAM FROM ILLINOIS; HOUSTON, TEXAS; THEY BEAT A TEAM  
2 FROM MEXICO, THE PHILIPPINES. AND THEN IN THE WORLD SERIES  
3 GAME THEY BEAT PUERTO RICO 7-2 TO BE THE CHAMPS THIS YEAR.  
4 THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW WE WERE ABLE TO DO THIS OUT  
5 OF WILLIAM S. HART BASEBALL, AND WE'RE VERY PROUD, VERY PROUD  
6 OF THESE BOYS. ON BEHALF OF THE TEAM, WILLIAM S. HART PONY  
7 BASEBALL, THE COACHING STAFF AND ALL THE PARENTS, WE WANT TO  
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING US HERE AND DOING THIS FOR  
9 US, RECOGNIZING US. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY  
12 EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. AND NATIONAL  
13 DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH IS A NATIONWIDE EFFORT TO HELP  
14 AMERICA LEARN THAT WE HAVE MORE THAN 50 MILLION PEOPLE WITH  
15 DISABILITIES SO THEY COULD OBTAIN MEANINGFUL WORK AND ACHIEVE  
16 AN A.D.A.'S GUARANTEE TO BE QUALITY, INDEPENDENT LIVING AND  
17 ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THIS MONTH WE ALSO CELEBRATE THE  
18 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE A.D.A. ACT OF 1990. ALL RESIDENTS OF  
19 THE COUNTY ARE ENCOURAGED TO PROMOTE AND FOSTER FULL  
20 PARTICIPATION OF THOSE WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL ASPECTS OF OUR  
21 AMERICAN WORKFORCE. SO HERE TO ACCEPT TODAY IS THE STAFF FROM  
22 THE FOOTHILL VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES INC. OF PASADENA AND  
23 JOSE REYES, THE PROGRAM MANAGER.

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1   **JOSE REYES:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. FIRST FOOTHILL VOCATIONAL  
2   OPPORTUNITIES WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT YOU WITH A CERTIFICATE FOR  
3   ALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICE YOU PROVIDE FOR ALL OF US. SO THANK  
4   YOU. AND BRIEFLY JUST EXPLAIN WHAT FOOTHILL VOCATIONAL DOES.  
5   WHAT WE DO IS WE PROVIDE VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR ADULTS WHO  
6   HAVE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, AND WE DO PLACEMENT IN THE  
7   COMMUNITY SO THEY CAN HAVE EMPLOYMENT AND ALSO EARN MINIMUM  
8   WAGE AND HAVE A MINIMUM LIFE, A MEANING LIFE. THANK YOU.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND NOW FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL  
11   CONTROL, THIS WEEK WE HAVE A LITTLE CAT, A LITTLE KITTY CAT  
12   NAMED STARLING. SHE'S A LITTLE FEMALE, SIX-MONTH OLD DOMESTIC  
13   LONG HAIR. SO THIS IS STARLING. HI. WHO'S LOOKING FOR A HOME.  
14   ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT HER? YOU CAN CALL AREA CODE 562-728-  
15   4644. THEY GOT A LOT OF LITTLE COUSINS AVAILABLE, TOO.  
16   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? MINE  
17   ARE JUST COMING IN FROM THE RAIN.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK TOM GIBSON TO COME UP, IF  
20   TOM IS HERE. AND BLINKY, IS THAT YOU? COME ON UP HERE. NOW  
21   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE THIS MORNING TO  
22   WELCOME TOM GIBSON, WHO HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION SINCE 1994  
23   AS THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF WALTON  
24   CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, HAVING STARTED IN THE ELECTRICAL  
25   INDUSTRY IN 1971 AS AN ELECTRICIAN AND FIRE ALARM TECHNICIAN



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1 AND WORKING HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS ASSUMING INCREASED  
2 RESPONSIBILITY AND GAINING THE WISDOM AND REPUTATION THAT ONLY  
3 40 YEARS OF LINE MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE IN THE  
4 FIELD CAN EARN. AS PRESIDENT, TOM OVERSEES ALL ASPECTS OF LAND  
5 DEVELOPMENT AND GENERAL CONTRACTING OPERATIONS, INCLUDING SITE  
6 SELECTION, LAND ACQUISITION AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY  
7 DEVELOPMENT AND IS ADMIRER FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE  
8 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND HIS COMMITMENT TO HELPING CLIENTS  
9 FULFILL THEIR DREAMS. TOM IS PARTICULARLY KNOWN FOR HIS  
10 GENEROUS AND OPEN HEARTED COOPERATION WITH THE RESPECTED SAN  
11 FERNANDO VALLEY-BASED ANTI-GANG ORGANIZATION, COMMUNITIES IN  
12 SCHOOLS. AND HIS SUPPORT FOR CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
13 FOR EX-GANG MEMBERS TO HELP TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND AND BECOME  
14 PRODUCTIVE AND VALUED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. TOM IS A DEVOTED  
15 FAMILY MAN, MARRIED FOR 34 YEARS AND THE PROUD FATHER OF THREE  
16 CHILDREN, ACTIVE IN HIS CHURCH AND IN HIS COMMUNITY. THE BOARD  
17 OF SUPERVISORS WANTS TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, TOM, TO COMMEND  
18 YOU FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
19 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO  
20 THOSE LESS FORTUNATE. AND WITH BEST WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
21 SUCCESS IN ALL YOUR FUTURE ENDEAVORS. AND WE HAVE WITH US  
22 BLINKY RODRIGUEZ, WHO HEADS UP COMMUNITY IN SCHOOLS. AND I  
23 JUST WANT TO QUOTE WHAT BLINKY SAID ABOUT YOU BECAUSE I WANT  
24 TO MAKE HIM TRY TO THINK OF SOMETHING ORIGINAL WHEN HE GETS UP  
25 HERE AND SAYS A FEW WORDS. BUT BLINKY SAID, "WE WANT TO HONOR



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1 MR. GIBSON FOR HIS VISION IN SEEING THE REDEMPTION VALUE IN  
2 YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS WHO HAVE TURNED THEIR LIVES FROM  
3 NEGATIVE TO POSITIVE. MR. GIBSON HAS PERSONALLY HIRED EX-GANG  
4 MEMBERS WITH PREVAILING WAGES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHO  
5 ARE READY AND WILLING TO MAKE AN HONEST LIVING." AND IN SO  
6 DOING, YOU HAVE TURNED THE LIVES OF A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE,  
7 QUITE A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND AND GIVEN ENCOURAGEMENT  
8 TO OTHERS TO DO SO. SO WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
9 PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO YOU SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF  
10 THE BOARD. THANKS TOM. BLINKY, DO YOU WANT TO SAY A WORD?  
11 [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **TOM GIBSON:** IT'S JUST AN HONOR TO STAND BEFORE THIS BODY OF  
14 PEOPLE, THIS AUDIENCE THAT'S OUT THERE, THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
15 ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT IT'S A GREAT HONOR ALSO TO  
16 STAND HERE WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND RECEIVE SUCH AN  
17 HONOR. THE HONOR, THE GLORY REALLY BELONGS TO THE YOUNG MEN  
18 THAT ARE WILLING TO GO TO WORK OUT THERE THAT JUST NEED AN  
19 OPPORTUNITY FROM ALL OF US. GOD BLESS BLINKY RODRIGUEZ FOR THE  
20 WORK THAT HE DOES WITH THESE YOUNG MEN AND GOD BLESS ALL OF  
21 YOU AND THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR REACHING OUT TO THOSE  
22 WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE THAN WE ARE. GOD BLESS YOU ALL AND GOD  
23 SPEED. [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST ASK BLINKY RODRIGUEZ TO SAY A  
2   WORD.

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4   **BLINKY RODRIGUEZ:** I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO  
5   BRING INDIVIDUALS TO THIS BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND  
6   ACKNOWLEDGE THEM WHEN THEY'RE WILLING TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK  
7   TO THE COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY IN THESE AUSTERE ECONOMIC  
8   TIMES. AND TOM WAS AN INDIVIDUAL THAT I TALKED TO SEVERAL  
9   YEARS AGO AND HE SAID "BLINKY, IF I COME ACROSS A COUPLE OF  
10   THESE PARTICULAR CONTRACTS I'M GOING TO CALL YOU". AND I'VE  
11   HEARD THAT A LOT OF TIMES FROM A LOT OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE  
12   LAST 25 YEARS, BUT I GOT THE CALL FROM TOM, AND HE'S PUT  
13   INDIVIDUALS TO WORK AND IT'S TOTALLY TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES  
14   FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR CHILDREN, THOSE OF THEM, THE LEAST OF  
15   THEM, THAT MANY, MANY TIMES AREN'T GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY. SO I  
16   WANTED TO THANK YOU, TOM, FOR ALL THE CONSIDERATION AND THE  
17   HEARTBEAT THAT YOU FELT FOR OUR COMMUNITY. GOD BLESS YOU.

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS WE HAVE A.D.A. AMERICANS WITH  
20   DISABILITIES MONTH, LET ME ALSO BRING IN A GROUP FROM  
21   CHATSWORTH, TO HONOR PATHPOINT OF CHATSWORTH. THIS WAS  
22   ESTABLISHED IN 1964, DEDICATED TO HELPING THOSE WITH  
23   DISABILITIES TO REACH THEIR FULLEST POTENTIAL. THEY ARE A  
24   LEADER IN THE FIELD OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT AND HOUSING  
25   SUPPORT SERVICES IN OUR STATE. THEY SERVE OVER 2,000 PEOPLE



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1 EACH YEAR IN THE FIVE COUNTIES OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, SANTA  
2 BARBARA, VENTURA, KERN, AND LOS ANGELES. THEY HAVE RECEIVED  
3 NATIONAL RECOGNITION. THEIR PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE  
4 COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AND SUPPORT SERVICES THAT EMPOWER  
5 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR DISADVANTAGES TO LIVE AND WORK AS  
6 VALUABLE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO HERE WITH US TODAY IS  
7 GORDON SHELDAHL, WHO IS THE PATHPOINT DIRECTOR, AND SEVERAL  
8 PARTICIPANTS IN THAT PROGRAM. LET ME FIRST MAKE THESE  
9 PRESENTATIONS AND THEN THEY CAN SAY A FEW WORDS. OKAY. FOR  
10 PATHPOINT, LET ME GIVE THIS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **GORDON SHELDAHL:** I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE HERE FOR PATHPOINT  
13 REPRESENTING OUR ORGANIZATION AND CHATSWORTH. AND I WANT TO  
14 THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HELPING US TO HONOR AND  
15 RECOGNIZE NATIONAL DISABILITY MENTORING MONTH. THANK YOU VERY  
16 MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ERIC PREVEN AND ANTONIA RAMIREZ?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 8.

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22 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN, I AM THE  
23 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND THIS ITEM HAS TO DO WITH  
24 THE NEW DEAL WE'VE MADE. MR. FUJIOKA'S BEEN NEGOTIATING ON OUR  
25 BEHALF WITH JERRY POWERS, WHO IS A VERY ESTEEMED PROBATION



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1 OFFICER FROM STANISLAUS COUNTY WHO WILL BE TAKING OVER HERE IN  
2 L.A. COUNTY. MR. BLEVINS IS STEPPING ASIDE, AND MR. POWERS  
3 WILL TAKE OVER. THIS IS A TOUCHY AREA BECAUSE WE WANT THE VERY  
4 BEST THAT MONEY CAN BUY. HOWEVER, THIS DEAL DOES SEEM, GIVEN  
5 THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WE'VE BEEN HAVING, IN PARTICULAR  
6 WITH THE BURDEN THAT'S BEEN PUT ON L.A. COUNTY FROM THE STATE,  
7 MR. ANTONOVICH, TO BE OFFERING MR. POWERS AN ADDITIONAL  
8 \$28,000 ABOVE WHAT MR. BLEVINS WAS GETTING SO THAT HE'LL BE  
9 RECEIVING \$255,000 DOES SEEM A TAD HIGH. WE'VE LOOKED AT THE  
10 OTHER PROBATION OFFICERS AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND IT'S AT THE  
11 VERY TIPPY TOP. THERE ARE SOME WHO GET MORE, OF COURSE. BUT  
12 GIVEN OUR CRISES, IT SEEMS A BIT HIGH. THE OTHER ITEM THAT'S  
13 RELATED TO THAT IS THAT THERE'S A \$25,000 RELOCATION FEE  
14 INCLUDED, WHICH I THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT. BECAUSE  
15 OBVIOUSLY WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BACK OUT OF THE  
16 SALARY. BUT MAYBE WE COULD LOOK AT A REAL COST DEAL. BECAUSE  
17 STANISLAUS COUNTY IS ONLY 300 MILES AWAY. AND \$25,000 TO  
18 RELOCATE DOES SEEM EXTREMELY HIGH. WE DO WANT THE BEST. THIS  
19 GUY IS A MEMBER OF THE ESTABLISHMENT. HE'S A GUY WHO RUNS THE  
20 PROBATION ORGANIZATION OF OTHER CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS AND  
21 THAT OF COURSE GIVES US A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE. WHETHER OR  
22 NOT THE ESTABLISHMENT AT THIS TIME IN OUR COUNTY JAILS IN OUR  
23 PRISON SYSTEM IS WHAT WE NEED I THINK IS VERY DEBATABLE. MANY  
24 OF US ARE, YOU KNOW, VERY UPSET WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF  
25 AFFAIRS, WHICH IS NOT ALL THE SUPERVISORS' FAULT. CERTAINLY



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1 THE LEGISLATURE AND THE OTHERS WHO HAVE ADOPTED A POLICY THAT  
2 HAS PILED UP PRISONERS IN SUCH A WAY THAT MS. MOLINA WILL  
3 CONCUR HAS CAUSED REAL CIVIL RIGHTS PROBLEMS. AND I JUST HOPE  
4 WE CAN GET THAT \$25,000 DOWN TO REAL COSTS. MAYBE WE COULD  
5 SEND SOME OF THE GUYS UP TO GET HIS STUFF. HE SHOULD BE ABLE  
6 TO MOVE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS RAMIREZ.

9

10 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** GOOD POINT. THIS IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE.  
11 I'M ALL FOR THE FINANCIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE COMFORT,  
12 HAPPINESS, AND STABLE WELL-BEING FOR THE PROSPECTIVE  
13 APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER POWERS AND THE SALARY  
14 OF 255,000 ANNUALLY ONLY AND ONLY IF HE CAN HELP US TRACK  
15 DOWN, BECOME ACCOUNTABLE, PROVIDE PHYSICAL AND VISUAL PROGRESS  
16 OF CRIME REDUCTIONS PRIMARILY IN THE EAST L.A. AND ALL LATINO  
17 GANG-INFESTED AND ILLEGAL CRIMINAL ALIENS INFESTATION AREAS,  
18 SUCH AS PACOIMA, PANORAMA, EAST L.A., DOWNTOWN COMPTON, ET  
19 CETERA. IF YOU TRULY CAN PROTECT THE LEGAL LAW-ABIDING  
20 CITIZENS, MILITARY VETERANS, PILOTS AND ALL THEIR RESPECTIVE  
21 FAMILIES FROM THESE UNCIVILIZED HUMAN SAVAGES, THAT WILL BE A  
22 PLUS FOR YOU AND YOU WILL PROVIDE PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL OF US.  
23 IN ADDITION, YOU WILL START ASSISTING HOMELAND SECURITY AND  
24 ICE AGENTS BY WEEDING OUT ALL THESE CRIMINAL ILLEGALS AND GANG  
25 BANGERS AND DEPORT THEM, DEPORT THEM, DEPORT THEM. START NOW



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1 TO AVOID AN ALL-OUT COUNTY RACIAL MAYHEM. AND, AGAIN, THIS IS  
2 LOOMING. SO WE BETTER GET ON IT RIGHT AWAY. THANK YOU VERY  
3 MUCH.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ITEM NO. 8. WE HAVE A MOTION,  
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. FIRST  
9 LET ME CALL UP MR. POWERS AND WELCOME YOU TO-- JERRY, WE JUST  
10 WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OFFICIALLY.  
11 CONGRATULATIONS. WE HAVE ALL MET WITH YOU AND HAD DISCUSSIONS  
12 WITH YOU AND YOUR GOALS AND YOUR VISION AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
13 WORKING WITH YOU. PERHAPS YOU COULD SAY A COUPLE SHORT WORDS.

14

15 **JERRY POWERS:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD, MR. FUJIOKA. IT'S CERTAINLY MY PLEASURE AND PRIVILEGE  
17 TO BE NAMED AS THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER FOR L.A. COUNTY. I  
18 LOOK FORWARD TO GETTING HERE AND GETTING TO WORK AND WORKING  
19 WITH THE GOOD EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, YOUR BOARD, THE  
20 C.E.O.'S OFFICE, AND DOING SOME GOOD WORK FOR L.A. COUNTY AND  
21 ITS CITIZENS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WELCOME. AND WELL NOW  
24 PROCEED WITH OUR REGULAR AGENDA. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH,



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1 JERRY. OKAY. THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL SWEAR IN THOSE  
2 INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE TESTIFYING BEFORE OUR BOARD TODAY.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
5 BOARD ON ITEMS 1 THROUGH 4, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT  
6 HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS  
7 BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE  
8 TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU.  
9 YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 1. THIS IS THE HEARING  
10 ON AN INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TICKET PRICES  
11 PROPOSED BY THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE  
12 2012 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.  
13 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED. AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A  
14 PUBLIC SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. NICOLE PARSON IN LANCASTER?  
17 NICOLE, ARE YOU THERE?

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19 **NICOLE PARSON:** YEAH. HI.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD MORNING, NICOLE, HOW ARE YOU?

22

23 **NICOLE PARSON:** OH, OKAY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD. GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.





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2 **NICOLE PARSON:** OH, YOU, TOO, SIR. I WAS WONDERING, I KNOW THAT  
3 YOU ALL ARE INCREASING THE SEAT PRICES, BUT I WAS WONDERING  
4 WHAT ELSE YOU ALL WERE DOING, JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME  
5 PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT REALLY PEOPLE THAT CARE ABOUT A.D.A., BUT  
6 I'M JUST GOING TO GO AND NOT EVEN TALK ON THIS ITEM, OKAY?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, THAT'S FINE. NICE TO SEE YOU  
9 AGAIN. BYE-BYE.

10

11 **NICOLE PARSON:** YOU, TOO, BYE-BYE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
14 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS THE DE NOVO COMBINED  
17 HEARING ON PROJECT NO. TR070853-2, FOR LAND USE AND ZONING  
18 MATTERS, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
19 REPORT, RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
20 COMMUNITY OF DEL AIRE IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF METRO GREEN LINE  
21 AVIATION/L.A.X. STATION IN THE DEL AIRE ZONE DISTRICT. THERE  
22 IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER, AND CORRESPONDENCE  
23 WAS RECEIVED. AND WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON THIS  
24 ITEM.

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1   **CAROLINA BLENGINI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
2   BOARD. MY NAME IS CAROLINA BLENGINI, AND I AM A REGIONAL  
3   PLANNING ASSISTANT 2 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING.  
4   TO MY LEFT IS STEVE BURGER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
5   WORKS. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY IS A MIXED-USE TRANSIT-  
6   ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CALLED AVIATION STATION, LOCATED ADJACENT  
7   TO THE METRO GREEN LINE, AVIATION/L.A.X. STATION. THE  
8   DEVELOPMENT IS COMPRISED OF 390 RESIDENTIAL UNITS WHICH  
9   INCLUDES 278 CONDOMINIUMS AND 112 APARTMENTS AND APPROXIMATELY  
10   29,500 SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL RETAIL SPACE ON APPROXIMATELY  
11   6 ACRES. THIS DEVELOPMENT REQUIRES A PLAN AMENDMENT AND A ZONE  
12   CHANGE. THE PLAN AMENDMENT IS REQUIRED TO AMEND A PORTION OF  
13   THE PROJECT SITE THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY  
14   FROM COUNTYWIDE GENERAL PLAN CATEGORY 1, LOW DENSITY  
15   RESIDENTIAL, TO CATEGORY 4, HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AND TO  
16   PRE-DESIGNATE AS CATEGORY 4 THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE  
17   THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THE ZONE  
18   CHANGE IS REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE  
19   THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY FROM C-1,  
20   RESTRICTED BUSINESS ZONE, AND R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE  
21   ZONE, TO MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, 68 DWELLING UNITS PER NET ACRE  
22   DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ZONE. AND TO PRE-ZONE THE PORTION OF THE  
23   PROJECT SITE THAT IS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY AS M.X.D. 68  
24   U.D.P. THE ORIGINAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED TWO PUBLIC  
25   HEARINGS ON AVIATION STATION. ON FEBRUARY 16, 2011, THE



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1 COMMISSION RECEIVED AT THE HEARING A LETTER FROM THE DEL AIRE  
2 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REQUESTING FOR THE CLOSURE OF 117TH  
3 STREET TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC IMPACTS. THE COMMISSION DIRECTED THE  
4 APPLICANT AND COUNTY STAFF TO HOLD A MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY  
5 TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE  
6 COMMUNITY MEETING WAS HELD AT THE DEL AIRE COMMUNITY PARK ON  
7 MARCH 16, 2011. 20 SPEAKERS TESTIFIED AND RAISED CONCERNS  
8 ABOUT THE PROJECT, WHICH WERE ALL ADDRESSED BY STAFF AND THE  
9 APPLICANT ON THE APRIL 20, 2011 PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE  
10 COMMISSION. ALL THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT HAVE  
11 BEEN ANALYZED BY ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. THE E.I.R.  
12 CONCLUDES ALL IDENTIFIED IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED TO A LEVEL  
13 OF LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT EXCEPT FOR NOISE AND AIR QUALITY. ON  
14 APRIL 20, 2011, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ALLOWED  
15 LIMITED ACCESS ON 117TH STREET AND REQUIRED A COMMUNITY  
16 IMPROVEMENT FUND TO ADDRESS THE COMMUNITY CONCERNS. THE  
17 COMMISSION ALSO CERTIFIED THE FINAL E.I.R. AND RECOMMENDED  
18 APPROVAL OF THE PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE TO THE BOARD.  
19 THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT TO THE BOARD AND WE HAVE HERE THE  
20 COUNTY'S E.I.R. CONSULTANT SHOULD QUESTIONS ARISE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
23 HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. LET ME CALL THEM UP FOUR AT A  
24 TIME. FOR ROGER MOLIERE. CHUCK MOORE. JOHN KOPPELMAN AND STEVE  
25 HUNTER. TWO MINUTES EACH.



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2 **ROGER MOLIERE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, ROGER MOLIERE FROM  
3 THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. USUALLY I GET TO  
4 SEE YOU IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE T.O.D. PROJECTS THAT WE DO AS  
5 METRO ON METRO LAND. THIS IS A LITTLE BIT UNUSUAL BUT  
6 EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT BECAUSE ALTHOUGH WE DON'T OWN A LOT  
7 OF LAND OUT IN THAT AREA, THIS IS ONE OF THE SIGNATURE  
8 STATIONS ON OUR GREEN LINE, AND IT IS THE TERMINUS OF THE  
9 CRENSHAW LINE WHICH WILL CONNECT EVENTUALLY TO THE SHUTTLE  
10 THAT WILL GET PEOPLE TO L.A.X. WE ARE EXTRAORDINARILY PLEASED  
11 THAT WE WERE ABLE TO COOPERATE WITH CALTRANS AND THE DEVELOPER  
12 TO COME UP WITH WHAT IS TRULY A TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.  
13 OUR WHOLE PROGRAM IS GEARED TOWARD TRYING TO MAKE THE AREAS IN  
14 AND AROUND THE STATIONS MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE AND USABLE FOR  
15 PEOPLE SO THAT THEY WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO USE PUBLIC  
16 TRANSPORTATION AND GET OUT OF THEIR CARS WITH THE CONSEQUENT  
17 PLUSES TO LESS CONGESTION AND BETTER AIR QUALITY. AND I THINK  
18 THEY'VE DONE JUST A TERRIFIC JOB HERE BOTH IN PRESERVING AND  
19 ENHANCING THE STATION AREA AND THE PARK AND RIDE AND CREATING  
20 A TRUE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT WITH SERVICES IN AND  
21 AROUND THE STATION WHICH WILL ALSO BE OF BENEFIT TO OUR  
22 TRANSIT RIDERS. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE AT THIS  
23 POINT FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, BUT THE REAL PROJECT HAS BEEN DONE  
24 BY THE DEVELOPER AND HIS TEAM WHO ARE HERE TODAY, AS WELL.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. MOORE?

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3    **CHUCK MOORE:** MY NAME IS CHUCK MOORE. THIS PROJECT WAS APPROVED  
4 BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY IN APRIL WITH  
5 TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND NEARBY BUSINESSES,  
6 AS WELL. HOWEVER, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS DID NOT ALLOW  
7 US TO REST, NOR DID THE COMMUNITY. NOR DID METRO. AND SO WE  
8 HAVE BEEN CONTINUING TO MAKE MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PROJECT.  
9 WE'VE WORKED WITH NORTHROP GRUMMAN, A NEARBY NEIGHBOR. WE'VE  
10 WORKED WITH JOHN KOPPELMAN, WHO IS HERE TODAY. AND WE'VE MADE  
11 SEVERAL REVISIONS TO THE PROJECT, EVEN AFTER THE PLANNING  
12 COMMISSION. SO AT THE END OF MY REMARKS, I'M GOING TO REQUEST  
13 A BRIEF CONTINUANCE SO THAT ALL THOSE MATTERS MAY BE PRESENTED  
14 TO YOU AT A SUBSEQUENT HEARING. THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED  
15 BY THE SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE. BUT WE WANT TO BRING THEM TO  
16 YOU, IMPORTANT CHANGES TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY, ELIMINATIONS  
17 OF DRIVEWAYS, REDUCING GRADING, LIMITING THE RETAIL TO THE  
18 PUBLIC LOT, ELIMINATING UNDERGROUND PARKING AND POSSIBLY  
19 ESTABLISHING A PARKING DISTRICT FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE THANK  
20 THE METRO FOR THE TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND THE DEPARTMENT FOR  
21 REALLY MOVING VERY RAPIDLY ON AN EXCITING PROJECT. AND I  
22 UNDERSTAND THIS MAY BE ONE OF THE FIRST TRANSIT-ORIENTED  
23 DEVELOPMENTS TO ACTUALLY COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION IN THE  
24 UNINCORPORATED AREA. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. WHO'S NEXT?

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3    **JOHN KOPPELMAN:** MY NAME IS JOHN KOPPELMAN, I'M THE PRESIDENT  
4    OF THE DEL AIRE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. I CURRENTLY  
5    REPRESENT 208 HOUSEHOLDS IN MY COMMUNITY. AND BASICALLY TODAY  
6    I'M JUST HERE ACTUALLY TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND HIS  
7    STAFF, IN PARTICULAR CARLY KATONA AND DAN ROSENTHAL FOR THEIR  
8    SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THEIR -- I APPRECIATE THEIR  
9    STICKING WITH US THROUGH THE CONCERNS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THIS  
10    HAS BEEN ABOUT A TWO-YEAR PROCESS. AND WE'VE HAD SOME  
11    DIFFICULT PERIODS, BUT THE SUPERVISOR AND HIS STAFF HAS STUCK  
12    WITH US THROUGHOUT ALL OF IT. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY  
13    MUCH FOR THAT. ALSO, THE DEVELOPER HAS -- IT'S BEEN A VERY  
14    AMICABLE, RESPECTFUL PROCESS. AND I WANT TO THANK THE  
15    DEVELOPER FOR THAT. AND I'M SURE WE'LL CONTINUE THAT VERY  
16    RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP AS THIS GOES ON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES?

19

20    **STEVE HUNTER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME  
21    IS STEVE HUNTER. I'M WITH LAND DESIGN CONSULTANTS. WE'RE THE  
22    CONSULTING PLANNERS AND ENGINEERS FOR THE PROJECT. AND AGAIN  
23    WE'D JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING  
24    THIS GREAT PROJECT FORWARD. AND I'M JUST HERE TO ANSWER ANY





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1 QUESTIONS THAT THE BOARD MAY HAVE AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
2 RESPOND TO ANY OF THE PRESENTERS THAT MAY COME AFTER ME.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO, THEN,  
5 CALL UP JOE AHN, TONY ISAIA, ANTONIA RAM, CINDY PARSONS.

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7 **JOE AHN:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
8 OF SUPERVISORS. JOE AHN, WITH THE NORTHROP GRUMMAN  
9 CORPORATION. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE A LITTLE COMMENT TODAY. FIRST AND  
11 FOREMOST, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE APPLICANT AND THE PLANNING  
12 STAFF FOR WORKING WITH US TO MAKE SURE THE PROJECT ADDRESSES  
13 OUR NEEDS AND THE 5000 EMPLOYEES WHO ARE WORKING TO BUILD THE  
14 NEXT GENERATION OF AIRPLANES AND SATELLITES IN EL SEGUNDO. AND  
15 WE CONCUR WITH THE STAFF REPORT TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO THEN CALL UP  
18 ROBERT WALKER. AND SHANONN BRANN.

19

20 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THANK YOU. FOR ANY CHANGES OF LAND USE AND  
21 ZONING MATTERS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND  
22 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF DEL  
23 AIRE, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU CONSIDER FIRST AND FOREMOST OUR  
24 BELOVED PILOTS', COPILOTS' AND ENGINEERS' SAFETY AND APPROVAL  
25 IN ANY L.A.X. OR NEARBY L.A.X. DENSITY DEVELOPMENT AREAS. FOR



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1 IF OUR PILOTS, WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN, AND LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT CHOPPER PILOTS ARE NOT SAFE UP IN THE SKY, NOR  
3 WILL THE PASSENGERS OR CREW OR INHABITANTS BE SAFE ON THE  
4 GROUND. FURTHERMORE, WE MUST MAKE SURE THAT THE LANDING  
5 DESIGNATIONS ARE SAFE FOR APPROACH AND/OR FINAL TOUCHDOWN, NOT  
6 LIKE THE ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT THAT IS DREADFULLY DANGEROUS ON  
7 APPROACH AND LANDING ON THE TARMAC, AS PER OUR BELOVED PILOTS  
8 HAVE STATED. REMEMBER AT THE FOREFRONT IT'S OUR PILOTS' SAFETY  
9 AND WELL-BEING, WHETHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN. FOR WITHOUT THE  
10 U.S. MILITARY, WE HAVE NO DOMESTIC SOVEREIGNTY AND WITHOUT OUR  
11 BELOVED PILOTS, WE HAVE NO FLOW OF COMMERCE. FOR THEY ARE BOTH  
12 THE COMBUSTION AND VITAL ENERGY. THAT INCLUDES MY DAREDEVIL  
13 PILOTS EXTRAORDINARY FROM GILLESPIE AIRFIELD, WHO ARE DYNAMIC.  
14 LASTLY, THANK YOU FOR OUR AIRCRAFT MECHANICS, CREW AND FOR  
15 KEEPING OUR PILOTS' SAFETY. ONE POINT THAT YOU NEED TO  
16 CONSIDER ALSO, AND VERY LETHAL, AND THAT IS FOR YOUR  
17 INFORMATION, MANY GANG BANGERS AND CRIMINAL ALIENS ARE  
18 INCREDULOUSLY ACTIVE IN CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN ALL  
19 PARAMETERS OF METRO. PLEASE HELP US TO COMBAT THESE METRO  
20 PROBLEMS THAT ARE LETHAL AND ARE ESCALATING IN LEAPS AND  
21 BOUNDS. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHARON  
24 STEWART. SHARON STEWART? IS SHARON HERE? IF NOT, SHARON IS  
25 NOT? OKAY, SHE'S COMING UP. OKAY, YES.



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2 **CINDY PARSONS:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS CINDY PARSONS AND I AM

3 ONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF COMMUTERS THAT USE THE AVIATION STATION

4 PARK AND RIDE TO PARK AND TAKE THE BUS TO WORK HERE IN

5 DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THIS PROJECT IS

6 GOING TO TAKE AWAY PARKING FROM THE COMMUTERS WHO USE THAT

7 PARK AND RIDE LOT. PART OF THE JUSTIFICATION FOR REDUCING THE

8 NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES IS THAT THIS PROJECT IS ADJACENT TO A

9 PARK AND RIDE. THE STAFF HAS RECOMMENDED MITIGATION TO PREVENT

10 OVERFLOW PARKING FROM IMPACTING THE RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS,

11 BUT THERE IS NO MITIGATION TO PREVENT OVERFLOW PARKING FROM

12 IMPACTING THE ADJACENT PARK AND RIDE. THAT PARK AND RIDE IS

13 COMPLETELY FULL BY 7:30, 7:45 IN THE MORNING. PEOPLE WHO GET

14 THERE AFTER THAT HAVE TO EITHER DRIVE IN TO WORK OR PARK ON

15 THE RESIDENTIAL STREETS, WHICH I'M SURE THE NEIGHBORS DON'T

16 APPRECIATE. THIS PROJECT, BY SHORTING THE NUMBER OF PARKING

17 SPACES 17 PERCENT, THOSE PEOPLE OWN CARS. THEY'RE GOING TO

18 HAVE TO PARK THOSE CARS SOME PLACE. AND IF THEY CANNOT PARK

19 THOSE CARS IN THEIR OWN COMPLEX, THEY ARE GOING TO PARK IN THE

20 PARK AND RIDE, WHICH IS GOING TO IMPACT ME AND THE HUNDREDS OF

21 OTHER PEOPLE WHO TRY TO DO THE RIGHT THING AND TAKE THE PUBLIC

22 TRANSIT IN TO WORK. SO MY REQUEST IS THAT, NUMBER ONE, YOU

23 REQUIRE THAT THIS PROJECT MEET THE PARKING STANDARDS IN THE

24 L.A. COUNTY CODE. THERE IS NO REASON, THERE'S NO JUSTIFICATION

25 TO NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE PARKING FOR THIS PROJECT. AND THE



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1 SECOND, AND THIS IS A LONG SHOT, IS THERE ANY WAY YOU CAN ADD  
2 MORE PARKING TO THE PARK AND RIDE AS PART OF THIS PROJECT? IT  
3 IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF I MAY, I THINK IT'S WORTH  
6 CLARIFYING THAT ISSUE WITH YOUR PERMISSION.

7

8 **ROBERT WALKER:** ROBERT WALKER.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PARDON ME FOR A SECOND, MR. WALKER. ON  
11 POINT NUMBER 1.

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13 **ROBERT WALKER:** ROBERT WALKER.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A SECOND, MR. WALKER, THANK YOU. WE  
16 WANT REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF TO ADDRESS PART NUMBER 1. PART  
17 NUMBER 2, THE LONG SHOT AS YOU DESCRIBED IT, YOU CAN TAKE UP  
18 WITH ME ONCE YOU LEAVE THE SEAT. GO AHEAD.

19

20 **CAROLINA BLENGINI:** PORTION OF THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED  
21 WITHIN THE METRO PARK AND RIDE AREA. AND AS A RESULT OF THE  
22 PROJECT, THE PARK AND RIDE WILL BE RECONFIGURED, BUT IT WOULD  
23 REMAIN, THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES, WHICH IS 400 PARKING  
24 SPACES.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. CAN THE SERGEANTS -  
2    - WHATEVER IS GOING ON OVER THERE, IT CERTAINLY ISN'T ON ITEM  
3    NO. 2. IF YOU CAN KIND OF CLEAR THIS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

4

5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

6

7    **CAROLINA BLENGINI:** SO THE PARK AND RIDE WILL REMAIN WITH THE  
8    400 SPACES. THERE WILL NOT BE A REDUCTION ON THE CURRENT  
9    NUMBER OF SPACES OF THE PARK AND RIDE.

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11    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. WE CAN PROCEED. I JUST THINK  
12    IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE RECORD SPOKEN TO WITH CLARITY. AND  
13    IF THERE'S A DIFFERENCE, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE. BUT FACTUALLY  
14    SPEAKING IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO SO.

15

16    **CAROLINA BLENGINI:** SO FACTUALLY SPEAKING, THE NUMBER OF  
17    PARKING, 400 PARKING SPACES OF THE PARK AND RIDE WILL NOT BE  
18    REDUCED. AS PART OF THE PROJECT, THE PARK AND RIDE WILL BE  
19    RECONFIGURED. BUT THE NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES WILL NOT BE  
20    REDUCED, WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS CURRENTLY.

21

22    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 2, YOU  
23    SHOULD SEE ME AND MR. MOLIERE, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU, MR.  
24    CHAIRMAN.

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1 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: MR. WALKER.

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3 ROBERT WALKER THANK YOU. MY PROBLEM IS I DON'T THINK A FELLOW  
4 SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CHANGE THE ZONING THAT HAS ENOUGH MONEY  
5 TO BUY UP ALL THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY AND PUSH IT OFF ON  
6 OTHER PEOPLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING. I'VE LIVED THERE 50 YEARS.  
7 AND I THINK R-1 ZONING IS FINE. AND THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN  
8 THAT AREA DOES NOT WANT THE WILD GOOSE TO SELL THAT PROPERTY  
9 AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AND IF THE CITY WOULD TAKE A SURVEY OF  
10 THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA, THEN THEY WOULD GET A TRUE STORY HOW  
11 MANY PEOPLE DON'T WANT THAT BIG MONSTROSITY OF BUILDINGS PUT  
12 IN. BUT THEY DON'T DO THAT. AND THEY SHOULD CHECK WITH THE  
13 PEOPLE FOR SURE. AND THE ZONING CHANGE SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED.  
14 NOW, THE FINAL THING I HAD TO SAY IS THEY ARE RIGHT ABOUT THE  
15 PARKING AROUND THERE RIGHT NOW. THREE DAYS IN A ROW, I COULD  
16 NOT PARK IN FRONT OF MY OWN HOUSE. AND THE LAST THING I HAVE  
17 TO SAY IS I THINK MR. KENNETH HAHN WAS A GREAT LEADER FOR THE  
18 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU.

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20 >>SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 SHANONN BRANN: HI, I'M SHANONN BRANN AND I AM CURRENTLY A  
23 PROPERTY OWNER AT 5457 WEST 117TH STREET IN DEL AIRE, WHICH IS  
24 DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE PROPOSED SITE. TODAY YOU ARE HEARING  
25 ABOUT CHANGES IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS CURRENTLY FILLED





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1 WITH 90-PLUS PERCENT SINGLE-STORY FAMILY HOMES. AND IT WOULD  
2 BE CHANGED THEN TO HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ENABLING THE  
3 DEVELOPER TO PUT UP BOTH A FOUR-STORY APPROXIMATE 300-UNIT  
4 CONDO BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET FROM MY HOME AS WELL AS A  
5 115-UNIT APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE THE BUS TERMINAL CURRENTLY  
6 RESIDES. HOMEOWNERS IN DEL AIRE PURCHASED IN AN R-1  
7 NEIGHBORHOOD AND WOULD LIKE IT TO STAY A FAMILY FRIENDLY R-1  
8 NEIGHBORHOOD. ALLOWING 400 UNITS ON THE SPACE WHERE 15 TO 20  
9 HOMES CURRENTLY EXIST IS IRRESPONSIBLE. PARKING FOR THE  
10 DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO PROCEED AT LOWER THAN THE  
11 REQUIRED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES. THIS WILL PUSH ADDITIONAL  
12 CARS INTO THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS ALREADY IMPACTED BY  
13 AIRPORT EMPLOYEES AND METRO RIDERS. PEOPLE WHO CAN AFFORD TO  
14 PURCHASE HOMES IN THE SOUTH BAY ALSO OWN MULTIPLE CARS, EVEN  
15 IF THEY INTEND TO RIDE THE METRO TO WORK. PLEASE INCREASE THE  
16 AMOUNT OF PARKING THAT MUST BE PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER.  
17 ANOTHER CONCERN I HAVE IS THE INFRASTRUCTURE. THE RETAIL  
18 DEMANDS AND 400 UNITS ON A SPACE CURRENTLY HOLDING 25 HOMES  
19 AND A LARGE RESTAURANT NIGHTCLUB WILL OVERTAX OUR AGING SEWER,  
20 WATER AND ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS. IF UPGRADES WILL BE MADE, DO  
21 THEY INCLUDE ACCESS AND CONNECTIONS FOR CURRENT HOME  
22 RESIDENTS? I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DEVELOPER HAS MADE  
23 CONCESSIONS LIKE ELIMINATING THE ENTRY ON 117TH TO DECREASE  
24 TRAFFIC IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE ADDITION OF TREES IN THE  
25 PARKING STRIPS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT I AM NOT OPPOSED TO



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1 RETAIL ON AVIATION OR EVEN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE R-1 LAND FOR  
2 TOWNHOMES AND CONDOS. BUT A FOUR-STORY STRUCTURE IS GOING WAY  
3 TOO FAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **SHARON STEWART:** I'M HERE TO SAY I'M AGAINST THE PROJECT ALL  
8 THE WAY. I DON'T THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE THOSE CONDOS OR  
9 APARTMENTS THERE AT ALL. THEY SHOULD HAVE SOMETHING ELSE  
10 THERE. THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE THE CONDOS OR APARTMENTS THERE AT  
11 ALL BECAUSE THERE'S TOO MUCH APARTMENTS IN THE AREA ALREADY.  
12 THEY'VE ALREADY TORN UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD AS IT IS. THE  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED FOREVER. IT SHOULD BE  
14 STAYING THE SAME. THE BUSINESSES IN THE AREA COULD CHANGE THE  
15 AREA WHERE THEY'RE AT, BUT NOT CHANGING THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THE  
16 NEIGHBORHOOD NEEDS THE ZONE CHANGE TO STAY THE SAME. IT SHOULD  
17 NOT BE CHANGED. CHANGING THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS NOT GOING TO HELP  
18 ANYBODY. IT'S MAKING IT WORSE. THE TRAFFIC IS BAD ENOUGH AS IT  
19 IS AND IT SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED AT ALL. IT SHOULD STAY THE  
20 SAME. THE WILD GOOSE CAN LEAVE, WHATEVER THEY WANT TO DO. BUT  
21 IT NEEDS TO BE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, THAT NEED TO  
22 STAY AND THEIR OWN ZONE NEEDS TO STAY THE SAME, NOT TO BE  
23 CHANGED. THANK YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP NICOLE  
2   PARSONS AND ARNOLD SACHS. OKAY, NICOLE, ARE YOU THERE? SHE'S  
3   GONE? OKAY. THANK YOU, NICOLE. MR. SACHS?

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5   **SPEAKER:** SHE LEFT. NOT FEELING WELL.

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S NOT HERE. SO WE HAVE A MOTION.  
8   MR. SACHS, IF YOU'RE NOT HERE WHEN WE CALL YOUR NAME, WE HAVE  
9   TO PROCEED. HE DIDN'T SIGN UP, SORRY. DID HE SIGN UP, MR.  
10   PREVEN DIDN'T SIGN UP?

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12   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING. WE HEARD FROM MR. MOLIERE ABOUT  
13   ALL THE BENEFITS, BUT HE NEGLECTED TO MENTION THE HIGH PROFITS  
14   THAT WILL BE MADE FOR THE DEVELOPERS HERE. WE'RE ALSO WORRIED  
15   IT'S GOING TO BE THE TERMINUS FOR THE CRENSHAW LINE, THAT'S  
16   THE RAIL LINE GOING TO BE BUILT WITHOUT A CONSTRUCTION  
17   AUTHORITY. NOW FROM WHAT THIS NEWSPAPER ARTICLE SAID FROM  
18   YESTERDAY, THIS LAND WILL BE PUSHED INTO THE UNINCORPORATED  
19   COUNTY AREA AND M.T.A. WILL TAKE OWNERSHIP. ITEM NO. 6 ON YOUR  
20   AGENDA TODAY IS NOTICE TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY BY THE  
21   COUNTY. SO SO WHY IS M.T.A. INVOLVED IN THE PURCHASE OR  
22   OWNERSHIP OF THIS PROPERTY? AND I REFER TO THE OWNERSHIP OF  
23   THE PROPERTY ON THE GOLD LINE WHERE THE CORPORATE LAND GRANT  
24   FROM 20071251559 IS A CORPORATE GRANT DEED THAT WAS GIVEN TO  
25   THE L.A. TO PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, WHICH



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1 HAS NO BEARING, NO LEGAL STANDING, NO NOTHING WITH THE M.T.A.,  
2 THE BLUE LINE OR THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. BUT  
3 THEY GOT THE PROPERTY! I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. I'M ALSO  
4 CONCERNED THAT THIS WILL INCREASE RIDERSHIP FOR AND ADD  
5 SERVICE FOR EXISTING METRO TRANSIT USERS. WE HEARD THE NUMBER  
6 OF PARKING SPACES WILL REMAIN THE SAME. BUT YOU'RE GOING TO  
7 INCREASE HOUSING. YOU'RE GOING TO INCREASE RETAIL. AND BY THE  
8 WAY, ADD ANOTHER TRANSIT LINE, BUT YOU'RE GOING TO MAINTAIN  
9 THE SAME NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES. OH WHOOPEE. THE FOUR-STORY  
10 APARTMENT UNITS? HOW HIGH IS THE RAIL LINE? THE FREEWAY? YOU  
11 KNOW ON THE 105 FREEWAY, THE DOWNEY, THEY LOWERED THE FREEWAY  
12 INTO A FLOODPLAIN BECAUSE THE PEOPLE COMPLAINED. THERE WAS NO  
13 COMPLAINT ABOUT BEING IN THE FLOODPLAIN. BUT YOU'RE GOING TO  
14 HAVE A FOUR-STORY APARTMENT UNIT TO OVERLOOK THE FREEWAY AND  
15 THE RAIL LINE. YOU THINK PEOPLE WILL COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT?  
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M READY TO PROCEED. THANK YOU, MR.  
21 MAYOR. I SUBMIT THIS MOTION FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.  
22 IT'S ALREADY BEEN INDICATED TO US THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
23 TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, AND OWNER OF THE PRIVATE PROPERTY  
24 LOCATED TO THE METRO GREEN LINE AVIATION STATION PROPOSED TO  
25 REDEVELOP THE AVIATION STATION AND THE ADJACENT UNDERUTILIZED



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1 PRIVATE PROPERTY WITH A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF  
2 SOME 390 RESIDENTIAL UNITS AND APPROXIMATELY 29,000 SQUARE  
3 FEET OF COMMERCIAL RETAIL SPACE THAT WOULD BENEFIT SURROUNDING  
4 RESIDENTS AND TRANSIT USERS. IT'S MY VIEW THAT THIS TYPE OF  
5 TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT HELPS BUILD LIVABLE, WALKABLE AND  
6 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES. BY SITING HOUSING NEAR THE LIGHT RAIL  
7 STATION, INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL REDUCE THEIR HOUSEHOLD  
8 EXPENSES SPECIFICALLY ON TRANSPORTATION-RELATED COSTS. GIVEN  
9 THE LOCATION, THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A QUALITY  
10 HOUSING OPTION FOR THE LARGE WORKFORCE LOCATED IN HAWTHORNE,  
11 EL SEGUNDO AND AROUND THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.  
12 MOREOVER, THIS TYPE OF TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT IS  
13 CRITICAL FOR ACHIEVING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE STATE OF  
14 CALIFORNIA'S VEHICLE EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS IN ORDER TO  
15 MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING. DURING THE ENTITLEMENT  
16 PROCESS, THE APPLICANTS AND STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF  
17 REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH  
18 THE SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY AND OTHER INTERESTED  
19 PARTIES. ONGOING AND SIGNIFICANT CONCERN RAISED BY SURROUNDING  
20 RESIDENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED VEHICULAR INGRESS AND EGRESS  
21 FROM 117TH STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF DEL AIRE.  
22 THE APPLICANT HAS SINCE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROJECT  
23 INCLUDING THE ELIMINATION OF THE DRIVEWAY ON 117TH STREET TO  
24 PROTECT THE DEL AIRE COMMUNITY FROM ANY INCREASES IN TRAFFIC.  
25 THE APPLICANT HAS ALSO SUBSEQUENTLY PROPOSED A REDUCTION IN



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1 THE NUMBER OF UNITS FROM 390 TO 376. RESTRICTION OF THE RETAIL  
2 USES TO THE PUBLIC LOT THAT INTERFACES WITH THE TRANSIT  
3 STATION AND ELIMINATION OF UNDERGROUND PARKING ON THE PRIVATE  
4 LOT AND THE OPTION TO ESTABLISH A PARKING DISTRICT TO PROTECT  
5 THE EXISTING RESIDENTS FROM OVERFLOW PARKING FROM THE ADJACENT  
6 PARK AND RIDE LOT. THESE POSITIVE DESIGN CHANGES ARE REFLECTED  
7 IN THE SUBDIVISION MAP THAT WAS REVIEWED BY THE SUBDIVISION  
8 COMMITTEE ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND MERIT CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD  
9 OF SUPERVISORS. AND I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS FIRST DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF  
11 REGIONAL PLANNING TO REVIEW AND PROCESS APPROPRIATE REVISIONS  
12 TO THE PROJECT WHICH CONFORM TO THE DESIGN CHANGES CONSIDERED  
13 BY THE SUBDIVISION COMMITTEE. AND SECONDLY, DIRECT THE  
14 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO PREPARE ANY  
15 NECESSARY REVISIONS TO THE FINAL E.I.R. AND THE PROJECT  
16 ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS TO REFLECT THE PROJECT REVISIONS AND  
17 THE APPROPRIATE CHANGES. AND I FINALLY MOVE THAT WE CONTINUE  
18 THE PUBLIC HEARING TO NOVEMBER 8, 2011. I SO MOVE, MR. CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND TO NOVEMBER 11?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOVEMBER THE EIGHTH.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOVEMBER THE EIGHTH.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. THIS WILL BE A GOOD PROJECT.

6

7    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE NOW ON ITEM NO. 3. THIS IS THE  
8    PUBLIC HEARING ON DE NOVO COMBINED HEARING ON PROJECT NO. 04-  
9    181-5 ON LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION RELATING TO THE PROPERTY  
10    LOCATED AT THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN SOUTHEAST OF THE  
11    SANTA CLARA RIVER AND SR-126 EAST OF VENTURA COUNTY AND WEST  
12    OF THE I-5, THE OLD ROAD AND SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN THEME  
13    PARK, NEWHALL ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED BY NEWHALL LAND AND  
14    FARMING COMPANY. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND  
15    CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED ON THIS ITEM. AND THERE ARE SOME  
16    PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

17

18    **SAMUEL DEA:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE  
19    BOARD, MY NAME IS SAMUEL DEA, I AM A SUPERVISING REGIONAL  
20    PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. TO MY LEFT  
21    IS STEVE BURGER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS LAND  
22    DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. THE ITEM BEFORE YOU TODAY IS AN APPEAL  
23    TO THE APPROVAL OF PHASE 2 OF THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN  
24    WHICH YOUR BOARD ADOPTED IN 2003 TO DEVELOP A PLANNED  
25    COMMUNITY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SANTA CLARITA



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1 VALLEY. AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE  
2 NECESSARY ENTITLEMENT TO IMPLEMENT PHASE 2 OF THE SPECIFIC  
3 PLAN IN MAY OF 2011. NEWHALL RANCH PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT, ALSO  
4 KNOWN AS MISSION VILLAGE, CONSISTS OF 4,055 RESIDENTIAL UNITS,  
5 APPROXIMATELY 1.5 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF COMMERCIAL AND MIXED  
6 USE DEVELOPMENT, APPROXIMATELY 693 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, AN  
7 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A LIBRARY, FIRE STATION, ONSITE AND OFF-  
8 SITE ROAD AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS. APPROXIMATELY 7 PERCENT OR  
9 300 UNITS OF THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE RESERVED AS AFFORDABLE  
10 HOUSING. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED THREE  
11 PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MISSION VILLAGE. DURING THE PROCEEDING, THE  
12 COMMISSION EXTENDED THE DRAFT E.I.R. COMMENT PERIOD FROM 45  
13 DAYS TO 89 DAYS. THE E.I.R. ANALYZED AMONG OTHER AREAS THE  
14 PROJECT'S IMPACT TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES, WATER SERVICE,  
15 HYDROLOGY, PUBLIC SERVICES AND UTILITIES. THE E.I.R. CONCLUDED  
16 ALL IDENTIFIED IMPACTS CAN BE MITIGATED TO A LEVEL OF LESS  
17 THAN SIGNIFICANT EXCEPT FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICE, AGRICULTURAL  
18 RESOURCES, AIR QUALITY AND VISUAL QUALITIES. ON MAY 18, 2011,  
19 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THE PROPOSAL TO BE  
20 CONSISTENT WITH THE ADOPTED SPECIFIC PLAN AND CERTIFIED THE  
21 E.I.R. THE E.I.R. CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION CONTAINED  
22 EXTENSIVE RESPONSES REGARDING ISSUES SUCH AS SPECIFIC PLAN  
23 CONSISTENCY, PROJECT IMPACTS TO THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, WATER  
24 QUALITY AND BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE  
25 COMMISSION'S ACTION WAS APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD. ALSO,



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1 ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION HAD BEEN PROVIDED. THIS  
2 DOCUMENT CONTAINED MINOR REVISION TO CERTAIN FINAL E.I.R.  
3 PAGES AND OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION TO MISSION VILLAGE THAT  
4 WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES BOTH  
5 BEFORE AND AT THE BOARD'S OCTOBER 4 HEARING ON LANDMARK  
6 VILLAGE, WHICH IS THE FIRST PHASE OF NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC  
7 PLAN. THIS CONCLUDES MY STATEMENTS TO THE BOARD. AND WE HAVE  
8 WITH US TODAY THE COUNTY'S E.I.R. CONSULTANT AS WELL AS  
9 PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES FROM SANITATION DISTRICT AND LOCAL  
10 WATER AGENCY SHOULD QUESTIONS BE NECESSARY. AND STAFF IS ALSO  
11 AVAILABLE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS THE BOARD MAY HAVE.

12  
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THE REPRESENTATIVES FOR CASTAIC  
14 LAKE WATER AGENCY? AND THE VALENCIA WATER COMPANY? AND WHILE  
15 THEY'RE COMING UP, COULD YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE SEQUENCE  
16 THAT LED TO THIS HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY?

17  
18 **SAMUEL DEA:** SINCE THE BOARD'S ADOPTION OF THE SPECIFIC PLAN IN  
19 2003, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONDUCTED THREE  
20 HEARINGS SPECIFICALLY ON MISSION VILLAGE. THE FIRST HEARING  
21 TOOK PLACE ON NOVEMBER 10, 2010, FOLLOWED BY TWO ADDITIONAL  
22 HEARINGS ON MARCH 16, 2011 AND MAY 18, 2011. AT THE MAY 18  
23 HEARING, THE COMMISSION VOTED TO CLOSE THE HEARING, CERTIFIED  
24 THE E.I.R. AND ADOPTED A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING  
25 CONSIDERATIONS AND MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN FOR MISSION



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1 VILLAGE AND APPROVED THE PROJECT-RELATED ENTITLEMENTS.  
2 SUBSEQUENT TO THE COMMISSION'S ACTION, THEIR DECISION WAS  
3 APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT WAS THE REASON FOR THE APPEAL?

6

7 **SAMUEL DEA:** THERE WERE SEVERAL, SIX MAIN REASONS THAT THE  
8 APPELLANTS STATED IN THEIR STATEMENT. STARTING WITH SPECIFIC  
9 PLAN CONSISTENCY OF THE COMMISSION'S ACTION, FAILURE TO  
10 ADDRESS CHLORIDE PROBLEMS IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER.  
11 INSUFFICIENT SPINE FLOWER MITIGATION. INADEQUATE AIR QUALITY  
12 MITIGATION. INADEQUATE BURDEN OF PROOF FOR OVERRIDING  
13 CONSIDERATION. AND ADDITIONAL ISSUES THAT WAS NOT ADDRESSED BY  
14 THE E.I.R., WHICH WERE RAISED BY OTHER PARTIES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WAS THERE ANY SUBSTANCE TO THE  
17 APPEAL?

18

19 **SAMUEL DEA:** THE APPEAL DOES NOT RAISE ANY SUBSTANTIAL ISSUES  
20 THAT HAVE NOT BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION OR ANALYZED AND RESPONDED TO IN THE E.I.R. FOR  
22 MISSION VILLAGE.

23



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE ISSUE RELATIVE BEING  
2    INCONSISTENT WITH THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN? WHAT IS  
3    YOUR RESPONSE TO THAT?

4

5    **SAMUEL DEA:** BOTH STAFF AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
6    FOUND THAT MISSION VILLAGE AND ITS RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AS  
7    PROPOSED TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE SPECIFIC PLAN AND ITS  
8    RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. MISSION VILLAGE, AS APPROVED  
9    BY THE COMMISSION, CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT THE NEED FOR  
10   FURTHER AMENDMENTS OR REVISION TO THE ADOPTED SPECIFIC PLAN.

11

12   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHEN MUST THE APPLICANT BEGIN THE  
13   FIRST PHASE OF THE NEWHALL RANCH WASTE WATER RECLAMATION  
14   PLANT?

15

16   **STEPHEN DEA:** THERE'S AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT THAT WAS  
17   ESTABLISHED TO ALLOW THE APPLICANT TO TREAT TEMPORARILY WASTE  
18   WATER FROM THE FIRST 6,000 UNITS FROM THE SPECIFIC PLAN AT THE  
19   EXISTING VALENCIA WASTE WATER RECLAMATION PLANT. THE APPLICANT  
20   IS REQUIRED TO FUND AND CONSTRUCT A PERMANENT FACILITY AS  
21   APPROVED BY THE SPECIFIC PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPROVAL  
22   OF THE 6001 UNITS.

23



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE  
2   TO THE SECOND REASON TO THE APPEAL, NAMELY, THAT THE CLAIMED  
3   FAILURE TO ADDRESS CHLORIDE IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER?

4

5   **SAMUEL DEA:** I TOUCHED ON THAT ISSUE. THE POTENTIAL PROJECT  
6   IMPACT, SUCH AS CHLORIDE CONCENTRATION RELATIVE TO THE SANTA  
7   CLARA RIVER, HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED EXTENSIVELY IN THE E.I.R. FOR  
8   MISSION VILLAGE. APPROPRIATE AGENCIES HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE  
9   PROJECT AS PROPOSED AND APPROVED BY THE COMMISSION WILL NOT  
10   HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO THE WATER QUALITY OF THE SANTA  
11   CLARA RIVER.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE THIRD REASON THAT THEY HAD  
14   APPEALED, NAMELY THE CLAIM INSUFFICIENT SPINE FLOWER  
15   MITIGATION, WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO THAT?

16

17   **SAMUEL DEA:** THE E.I.R. HAS EXTENSIVELY ANALYZED THE PROJECT  
18   IMPACT TO THE SPINE FLOWER POPULATION AND HAS INCLUDED  
19   MITIGATION MEASURE TO REDUCE THE IMPACT TO A LEVEL OF LESS  
20   THAN SIGNIFICANT. THESE MITIGATION MEASURES ARE CONSISTENT  
21   WITH THE NEWHALL RANCH SPINE FLOWER CONSERVATION PLAN WHICH  
22   WAS APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME FOR  
23   THE ENTIRE SPECIFIC PLAN. AND IT INCLUDES MANAGEMENT AND  
24   MONITORING PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE THE SURVIVAL  
25   OF THE SPINE FLOWER POPULATION.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND AT THE LAST HEARING RELATIVE TO  
3 THE LANDMARK VILLAGE, THE ISSUE OF THE SUNFLOWER HAD AROSE.  
4 CAN YOU COMMENT ON THAT?

5

6 **SAMUEL DEA:** THE SUNFLOWER THAT WAS REFERENCED AT THE OCTOBER 4  
7 HEARING FOR LANDMARK VILLAGE WAS DISCLOSED IN THE E.I.R. FOR  
8 MISSION VILLAGE AND HAS BEEN EVALUATED BY CALIFORNIA  
9 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME. AND IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT  
10 IT IS NOT THE SAME SPINE FLOWER. THIS PARTICULAR PLANT HAS  
11 BEEN NAMED, SINCE BEEN NAMED THE NEWHALL SUNFLOWER. AND THE  
12 IDENTIFIED LOCATION OF THIS PLANT HAS BEEN PRESERVED BY THE  
13 ADOPTED SPECIFIC PLAN AND FURTHER IMPLEMENTED THROUGH THE  
14 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF MISSION VILLAGE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE FOURTH REASON GIVEN FOR THE  
17 APPEAL WAS THE ISSUE OF AIR QUALITY MITIGATION. IS THAT  
18 ADEQUATE OR NOT?

19

20 **SAMUEL DEA:** YES. THE PROJECTS CERTIFY THE E.I.R. HAS INCLUDED  
21 EXTENSIVE MITIGATIONS REGARDING AIR QUALITY. AND THESE  
22 MITIGATIONS WILL REDUCE THE IDENTIFIED SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO  
23 THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE IMPACT AND MITIGATION MEASURE  
24 ARE SPECIFIC WITH THE ADOPTED SPECIFIC PLAN. CONSISTENT WITH  
25 THE BOARD'S ACTION ON THE SPECIFIC PLAN, THE COMMISSION



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1 ADOPTED A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION FINDING THAT  
2 THE MISSION VILLAGE REMAINING SIGNIFICANT AIR QUALITY IMPACTS  
3 WERE OUTWEIGHED BY THE PROJECT'S OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION  
4 SIMILAR TO THE SPECIFIC PLAN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE STAFF'S RESPONSE TO  
7 THE FIFTH REASON FOR THE APPEAL, THE PROPOSED STATEMENT OF  
8 OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS?

9

10 **SAMUEL DEA:** THERE ARE IN THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS AND STATEMENT  
11 OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION, THERE ARE EXTENSIVE FINDINGS TO  
12 PROVIDE BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECTS. TO NAME A FEW, SOME OF  
13 THESE BENEFITS INCLUDES THE DEDICATION OF OPEN SPACE,  
14 PERMANENT OPEN SPACE, WHICH WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC  
15 RESULTING ALSO IN CONSTRUCTION JOBS AND PERMANENT JOBS AS A  
16 RESULT OF THE PROJECT. AND RECYCLED WATER AND REDUCED DEMAND  
17 AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT, THE PROJECT'S ALSO PROVIDING  
18 PUBLIC FACILITIES, WHICH INCLUDES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FIRE  
19 STATION, LIBRARY, BUS TRANSFER STATION, PASSIVE AND ACTIVE  
20 RECREATION FACILITIES. IN ADDITION, THE PROJECTS WILL BE  
21 REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO TITLE 24 REQUIREMENTS BY AT LEAST 15  
22 PERCENT AND INCORPORATE PASSIVE SOLAR TECHNOLOGY IN SINGLE-  
23 FAMILY STRUCTURES, PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.  
24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE TO THE SIXTH  
2    REASON FOR THE APPEAL?

3

4    **SAMUEL DEA:** BASED ON THE REASONS STATED BY THE APPELLANT, WE  
5    HAVE NOT SEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT NEW DATA OR INFORMATION THAT HAS  
6    NOT BEEN CONSIDERED BY THE COMMISSIONS OR PRESENTED TO YOUR  
7    BOARD TODAY.

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THE MISSION VILLAGE FINAL E.I.R.  
10   HAS ADDRESSED A GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE JUST AS THE LANDMARK  
11   VILLAGE E.I.R. DID?

12

13   **SAMUEL DEA:** YES. VERY SIMILAR TO LANDMARK VILLAGE, THE MISSION  
14   VILLAGE E.I.R.'S GREENHOUSE GAS SESSION HAS INCORPORATED  
15   STATE-OF-THE-ART ANALYSIS. AND IN THE PROJECT FEATURES, IT HAS  
16   INCLUDED POLICIES AND DESIGNS THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH  
17   APPLICABLE COUNTY POLICY AND STATE POLICY REGARDING CLIMATE  
18   ACTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND LIKE THE LANDMARK VILLAGE, DOES  
21   THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT SATISFY THE REQUIRED WATER QUALITY  
22   STANDARDS AND DOES IT ADOPT THE LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT  
23   MEASURES?

24



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1   **SAMUEL DEA:** YES. WE HAVE STEVE BURGER FROM PUBLIC WORKS THAT  
2   COULD ELABORATE ON THAT QUESTION.

3

4   **STEVE BURGER:** YES, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. THE PROJECT, JUST LIKE  
5   LANDMARK, NOT ONLY MEETS THE COUNTY'S LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT  
6   REQUIREMENTS, BUT ACTUALLY EXCEEDS THEM.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. RELATIVE TO THE CASTAIC LAKE  
9   WATER AGENCY, LAST THURSDAY YOU HAD PROVIDED MY PLANNING  
10   DEPUTY A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
11   PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE C.L.W.A. COMMENTING ON THE SAUGUS  
12   PERCHLORATE TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATIONS. AND CAN YOU PROVIDE  
13   BACKGROUND ON THAT INFORMATION?

14

15   **DAN MASNADA:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE  
16   BOARD. MY NAME'S DAN MASNADA, I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE  
17   CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUESTION, I DID  
18   PROVIDE YOUR OFFICE A COPY OF THE LETTER TO ENSURE FULL  
19   DISCLOSURE SINCE PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION WAS RAISED AT YOUR  
20   LANDMARK VILLAGE HEARING EARLIER THIS MONTH. AS BACKGROUND,  
21   THE AGENCY RECEIVED A PERMIT FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO OPERATE  
22   THE SAUGUS PERCHLORATE TREATMENT FACILITY IN 2010. AND WE  
23   INITIATED STARTUP OF THE FACILITY IN JANUARY OF 2011. THE  
24   LETTER INCLUDES A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR PERIODIC  
25   WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TECHNICAL INPUT FROM THE



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1 DEPARTMENT RELATING TO OUR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND  
2 MONITORING PLAN, OR O.M.M.P., FOR THE SAUGUS PERCHLORATE  
3 TREATMENT FACILITY. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT TO  
4 ADDRESS ITS COMMENTS AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE DIFFICULT WHICH  
5 SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESSING THESE COMMENTS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES THE LETTER MEAN THAT THE SAUGUS  
8 PERCHLORATE TREATMENT FACILITY IS NOT EFFECTIVE?

9

10 **DAN MASNADA:** NO, IT DOES NOT. THE FACILITY IS EFFECTIVE.  
11 HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADDRESSED CERTAIN OPERATIONS,  
12 MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING ISSUES. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED  
13 THAT TO MEET WITH US TO DISCUSS ITS CONCERNS, AND WE ARE  
14 PREPARING A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO FACILITATE A PRODUCTIVE  
15 MEETING. WE AT THE AGENCY ARE TREATING THE DEPARTMENT'S  
16 COMMENTS SERIOUSLY, AND WE WILL RESOLVE THESE COMMENTS TO THE  
17 DEPARTMENT'S SATISFACTION AS WE CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH  
18 CLEANUP OF THE PERCHLORATE IN PORTIONS OF THE GROUNDWATER  
19 BASIN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT WERE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
22 HEALTH'S PRIMARY CONCERNS?

23

24 **DAN MASNADA:** IN SUMMARY, THE DEPARTMENT WANTS US TO IMPROVE  
25 OUR SAMPLING AND MONITORING DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING, TO



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1 MONITOR MORE CLOSELY THE TIMING OF RESIN REPLACEMENT  
2 OPERATIONS, TO OPERATE THE FACILITY -- TO OPERATE WITHIN THE  
3 FACILITY'S OPERATING CAPACITY, WHICH WE ARE DOING, BUT OUR  
4 DATA'S SHOWING THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. TO MEET OUR  
5 OPERATIONAL GOALS OF NONDETECT LEVELS OF VOLATILE ORGANIC  
6 COMPOUNDS, OR V.O.C.'S, AT THE FACILITY'S BLENDING LOCATIONS  
7 AND DEVELOP A PLAN FOR V.O.C. REMOVAL TREATMENT IN THE EVENT  
8 IT IS NEEDED. ALSO TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT THE SOURCE OF  
9 OCCASIONAL OR INFREQUENT DETECTIONS OF CARBON DISULPHIDE IN  
10 THE FACILITY'S EFFLUENT, WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE NOTIFICATION  
11 LEVEL OF 160 MICROGRAMS PER LITER. AND FINALLY, TO RESPOND TO  
12 THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE  
13 FACILITY'S O.M.M.P. PLAN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DOES THE LETTER AND THE REVIEW  
16 COMMENT PROCESS WITH THE DEPARTMENT IMPACT MISSION VILLAGE  
17 WATER SUPPLIES?

18

19 **DAN MASNADA:** NO, IT DOES NOT. THE LETTER ILLUSTRATES THAT THE  
20 DEPARTMENT IS EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION OVER  
21 OUR PERMITTED FACILITY. WE WILL RESPOND PROMPTLY TO THE  
22 DEPARTMENT'S ISSUES AND RESOLVE THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT'S  
23 SATISFACTION. AS TO THE MISSION VILLAGE WATER SUPPLIES, WE DO  
24 NOT SEE ANY IMPACT BECAUSE THE PROJECT RELIES ON OTHER GROUND  
25 WATER SOURCES FROM WELLS LOCATED IN NON-PERCHLORATE-IMPACTED





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1 PORTIONS OF THE GROUND WATER BASIN. AND THOSE WELLS ARE ABOUT  
2 FOUR MILES FROM THE FORMER WHITTAKER-BERMITE FACILITY WHICH IS  
3 THE SOURCE OF THE PERCHLORATE CONTAMINATION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WITH THE VALENCIA COMPANY, WHAT  
6 WAS THE IMPACT OF THE RECENT SHUTDOWN OF YOUR WELL 201 TO THE  
7 MISSION VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
8 WATER SUPPLY IN GENERAL?

9

10 **KEITH ABERCROMBIE:** MR. MAYOR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS KEITH  
11 ABERCROMBIE, I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER WITH VALENCIA WATER  
12 COMPANY. THERE IS NO IMPACT TO THE WATER SUPPLY IDENTIFIED IN  
13 THE E.I.R. FOR THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT. THE PROJECT RELIES  
14 ON OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND DOES NOT RELY ON ANY WATER FROM  
15 THE WELL. IN REGARDS TO THE OVERALL SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER  
16 SUPPLY, PRODUCTION FROM THE WELL IN NORMAL OR NON-DROUGHT  
17 YEARS IS FAIRLY SMALL AND CAN READILY BE REPLACED BY IMPORTED  
18 WATER FROM CASTAIC LAKE WATER AGENCY OR WITH EXISTING CAPACITY  
19 FROM SAUGUS FORMATION WELLS NOT IMPACTED BY PERCHLORATE.  
20 DURING THIRD AND FOURTH YEARS OF A PROLONGED DROUGHT, PUMPING  
21 FROM THE WELL WOULD BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY TO MAKE UP FOR  
22 SHORTFALLS IN OTHER SOURCES OF SUPPLY. THAT WOULD BE THE POINT  
23 IN TIME IDEALLY WHEN THE WELL WOULD BE RETURNED TO SERVICE.  
24 EITHER WITH WELL LID TREATMENT OR BY A REPLACEMENT WELL. AS  
25 WAS DOCUMENTED IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY'S 2010 URBAN WATER



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1 MANAGEMENT PLAN, OUR INTENT IS TO RESTORE THE WELL TO SERVICE  
2 OR REPLACE IT WITHIN TWO YEARS, SINCE THIS WORK WOULD INCLUDE  
3 UPDATED MODELING AS WELL AS OTHER PRELIMINARY WORK. SINCE  
4 WE'RE CURRENTLY NOT IN A DROUGHT, TWO YEARS FROM NOW WOULD BE  
5 THE ABSOLUTE SOONEST THAT INCREASED PUMPING FROM THE WELL  
6 WOULD BE NEEDED. FURTHERMORE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT  
7 AGREEMENT PROVIDE FOR THE ANTICIPATION OF SUBSEQUENT  
8 CONTAMINATION. AND VALENCIA IS WORKING COOPERATIVELY AND  
9 CLOSELY WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THEIR INSURERS IN ORDER  
10 TO RESOLVE THE IMPACTS TO THE WATER SUPPLY. THANK YOU.

11  
12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP BARRON  
13 THOMAS, JANET BERGAMO, KATHERINE SQUIRES, BARBARA WAMPOLE.

14  
15 **BARRON THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS,  
16 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT. I  
17 URGE THAT THERE BE ADDITIONAL REVIEW ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS THE  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS TO THE SANTA CLARITA RIVER AND THE WATER  
19 SUPPLY AND QUALITY. I HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE  
20 PROJECT'S PLANNING PROCESS AS A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND AM  
21 VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE CONTENTS OF THE E.I.R., AND I DON'T  
22 FIND THEM ADEQUATE. THE STANDARD AND POORS CASE-SHILLER INDEX  
23 SHOWED TUESDAY IN A SURVEY OF U.S. CITIES THAT THE GREATEST  
24 DECLINE IN HOME PRICES WERE IN ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES. "SALES  
25 ARE ON A PACE TO MATCH LAST YEAR'S DISMAL FIGURES, THE WORST



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1 IN 13 YEARS. SALES OF NEW HOMES FELL TO A NEW SIX-MONTH LOW  
2 THIS AUGUST AND THIS YEAR COULD BE THE WORSE SINCE GOVERNMENT  
3 BEGAN KEEPING RECORDS A HALF CENTURY AGO." IN DOING RESEARCH  
4 FOR MY TESTIMONY, I TOOK A HARD LOOK AT THE PROJECTS THE  
5 APPLICANT'S NEW PARENT CORPORATION, FIVE POINT COMMUNITIES,  
6 ARE PROMOTING THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. BREATHTAKING IN SCOPE,  
7 EACH OF THEIR PROPOSALS WILL REQUIRE TREMENDOUS CAPITAL  
8 INVESTMENT IN A DEPRESSED REAL ESTATE MARKET JUST TO FULFILL  
9 THE MINIMUM PROMISES SUCH AS THE WASTE TREATMENT PLANT THAT  
10 ARE BEING MADE TO THE COMMUNITY'S IMPACTED. THESE ARE  
11 AUDACIOUS AND HIGHLY SPECULATIVE VENTURES. AFTER THE CRISIS IN  
12 THE GLOBAL ECONOMY RESULTING IN THE VILLIFICATION OF THE  
13 BANKERS AND HEDGE FUND MANAGERS OF WALL STREET IT'S SIMPLY  
14 AMAZING TO SEE THESE GARGANTUAN PROJECTS STILL BEING PROMOTED  
15 IN OUR COUNTY. ON A PERSONAL NOTE, THIS MORNING FROM SANTA  
16 CLARITA TO THE COUNTY SEAT IT TOOK US 90 MINUTES IN A CONSTANT  
17 STREAM OF TRAFFIC. THERE WERE NO ACCIDENTS OR CONSTRUCTION  
18 DELAYS. JUST THE TYPICAL DELAY BEFORE THE ADDITION OF  
19 THOUSANDS OF HOMES THAT MISSION VILLAGE AND NEWHALL RANCH WILL  
20 INJECT INTO THE NARROW I-5 CORRIDOR. ON PAPER THE NEWHALL  
21 RANCH CLAIMS 60,000 PERMANENT JOBS, BUT ONLY 21,000 DWELLINGS.  
22 AND YET THE SAME PLAN SAYS IT WON'T INCREASE TRAFFIC ON THE  
23 HIGHWAYS. THIS JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. ALSO, I ABHORE THE  
24 UNNECESSARY LOSS OF HUNDREDS OF OAK TREES, SOME LIKE THE  
25 HERITAGE OAK, OLD GLORY, WHICH YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH



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1    THANKFULLY SAVED FROM THE BULLDOZER A FEW YEARS AGO. THERE ARE  
2    MANY SPECIALISTS WHO HAVE PRESENTED THEIR EVIDENCE REFUTING  
3    MANY OF THE ASSURANCES BY THE COUNTY--

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN YOU WRAP IT UP?

6

7    **BARRON THOMAS:** APPLICANTS TO THE COUNTY SO I WON'T REPEAT  
8    THOSE. BUT I WANTED TO APPEAR HERE IN PERSON TO APPEAL TO YOUR  
9    BEST JUDGMENT NOT TO IGNORE THEIR WARNINGS OF THE SERIOUS HARM  
10   THE PROJECT POSES TO OUR AREA FOR YOU NOT TO IMPROVE THE  
11   C.U.P.S AND OAK TREE REMOVAL PERMITS.

12

13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. BEFORE THE NEXT SPEAKER,  
14   LET ME ALSO CALL UP BRUCE CAMPBELL? BRUCE CAMPBELL? YES MA'AM.

15

16   **JANET BERGAMO:** MY NAME IS JANET BERGAMO, I'M A RESIDENT OF  
17   PIRU, CALIFORNIA. AND LIVING AS I DO, ABOUT A MILE FROM THE  
18   CONFLUENCE OF PIRU CREEK AND SANTA CLARA RIVER, I WOULD LIKE  
19   TO REITERATE MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE ALTERATIONS TO THE RIVER  
20   NECESSITATED BY THIS PROJECT. AS FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE PIRU  
21   NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, I HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERING  
22   IMPACTS OF THIS PROJECT AND FOR COMMENTING ON MULTIPLE  
23   OCCASIONS ABOUT OUR CONCERNS. AS A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE  
24   FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER, MY CONTINUING EDUCATION ON



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1 THESE ISSUES HAS RAISED MY LEVEL OF CONCERN. MAYOR ANTONOVICH,  
2 HAVE YOU READ THE STILLWATER REPORT?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE READ PORTIONS OF IT.

5

6 **JANET BERGAMO:** IF YOU HAVE READ THE PROPER PORTIONS, YOU  
7 SHOULD BE FULLY AWARE THAT ANY ECONOMIC GAIN CREATED BY ANY  
8 AND ALL PHASES OF THE NEWHALL RANCH PROJECT WILL BE FAR  
9 OUTWEIGHED BY THE COST TO TAXPAYERS, HUMAN LIFE, AND PROPERTY  
10 THAT WILL RESULT. IMAGINE THE RIVER AT PEAK FLOW EXITING THE  
11 CONSTRICTED AREA IN NEWHALL RANCH AT A FEARSOME VELOCITY.  
12 PICTURE THE MISSOURI AND MISSISSIPPI RIVERS THIS YEAR AND  
13 PLEASE THINK AGAIN. F.E.M.A. DOES REQUIRE NOTICE TO DOWNSTREAM  
14 PROPERTY OWNERS WHEN THE FLOODPLAIN IS ALTERED. TO MY  
15 KNOWLEDGE, THESE TAXPAYERS HAVE NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY INFORMED  
16 OR FOREWARNED. I BEG YOU TO CONSIDER YOUR POSITION ON THIS  
17 PROJECT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO  
20 CALL UP CAM NOLTEMEYER, CAM.

21

22 **KATHERINE SQUIRES:** HELLO MY NAME IS KATHERINE SQUIRES AND I'M  
23 SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE SIERRA CLUB. I AM THE  
24 CONSERVATION CHAIR FOR THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUP. WE DO  
25 SUPPORT THE APPEAL. AND WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE



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1    SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE THAT THIS PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD CAUSE IF  
2    APPROVED. BUT YOU KNOW I HAVE TO SAY JUST AS A SIDE NOTE, I'M  
3    AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER. AND I FEEL VERY FRUSTRATED WHEN  
4    I COME TO THESE MEETINGS AS I DID LAST MONTH AND I FEEL THAT  
5    THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE SITTING HERE SOMEWHAT PAYING ATTENTION. I  
6    DON'T KNOW. I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT IF OUR SITUATION WERE  
7    REVERSED AND YOU WERE SPEAKING --

8

9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE MICROPHONE GOES IN THE BACK, AS  
10   WELL.

11

12   **KATHERINE SQUIRES:** -- SPEAKING TO PEOPLE THAT YOU CALLED FOR  
13   US TO MAKE COMMENTS, THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR, THAT THE  
14   BOARD, ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WOULD BE PAYING  
15   ATTENTION AND LISTENING AND WOULD BE VERY RESPECTFUL OF THE  
16   PEOPLE THAT ARE SPEAKING TO THEM.

17

18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THOSE THAT ARE NOT HERE, THERE IS A  
19   SCREEN IN THE BACK WITH THE AUDIO.

20

21   **KATHERINE SQUIRES:** OKAY. WELL THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. I'LL  
22   CONTINUE ON. OUR CONCERNS BEGIN WITH BUT AREN'T LIMITED TO THE  
23   JOB/HOUSING RATIO, THE LACK OF SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS SUPPOSEDLY  
24   TO BIOLOGY. AND WE FEEL THAT IT IS UNACCEPTABLE OF COURSE THAT  
25   DEVELOPMENT IS IN THE FLOODPLAIN OF THE LAST MAJOR WILD RIVER





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1 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. OUR COMMENTS ON THE ERRORS IN THE PAST  
2 E.I.R.S HAVE ALSO NOT BEEN ADDRESSED AND WE SHOW THAT PORTIONS  
3 OF THE E.I.R. DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS PALEONTOLOGY, FOR ONE  
4 EXAMPLE, ARE RIDDLED WITH REDUNDANT AND GENERALIZED NON-  
5 INFORMATIVE STATEMENTS. ALSO CONCERNING IS THE 2,000 PAGE  
6 DOCUMENT THAT WAS JUST RELEASED ON FRIDAY, ADDITIONAL  
7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT WE HAVE NOT HAD TIME TO REVIEW. WE  
8 ASK THAT WE ARE GIVEN THIS TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND THE  
9 HEARING IS CONTINUED AT A LATER TIME. WE REALLY DO HAVE TO  
10 WORK TOGETHER. AND I JUST APPRECIATE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
11 SEEMING TO PAY ATTENTION AND ARE CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ISSUES.  
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN  
15 HALL. JOHN HALL? YES, MA'AM. OKAY. YOU'RE NEXT.

16

17 **BARBARA WAMPOLE:** I'M SORRY. I HAD A PERSON BEFORE ME. I'M  
18 BARBARA WAMPOLE, VICE CHAIR OF FRIENDS OF THE SANTA CLARA  
19 RIVER. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF OUR APPEAL. WE'RE  
20 REQUESTING YOU ADDRESS UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN THE PROJECT  
21 ANALYSIS. SUCH THINGS AS NO IMPACT TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND  
22 NO INCREASED FLOOD RISKS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO MENTION THAT WE  
23 WERE DISTURBED THAT A 2,000 PAGE DOCUMENT WAS POSTED ON FRIDAY  
24 AND NEEDED TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC AT LEAST 10 DAYS  
25 AGO FOR OUR REVIEW. AND THIS CONSTITUTES PART OF THE FINAL



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1 E.I.R. SO WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. AS WE MENTIONED THE  
2 STILLWATER SCIENCES DOCUMENT WHICH WE SUBMITTED CALLS INTO  
3 QUESTION THE ANALYSIS OF IMPACTS THAT ALL PHASES OF THE  
4 PROJECT WILL HAVE ON FLOODING AND EROSION, IMPACTS THAT WILL  
5 LIKELY RESULT IN ACCELERATED RIVER BED CHANGE AND BANK FAILURE  
6 AND CREATE ADDITIONAL HAZARDS TO POPULATION AND  
7 INFRASTRUCTURE. AND I MIGHT ADD DAMAGE OR DESTRUCTION OF THE  
8 BEAUTIFUL AND GROWING SANTA CLARA RIVER PARKWAY, A HABITAT  
9 RESTORATION PARKS AND TRAIL SYSTEM DOWNSTREAM OF THE PROJECT  
10 AREA, A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR TAXPAYER INVESTMENT THAT WE DON'T  
11 WANT TO LOSE. NO APPROVAL OF MISSION VILLAGE SHOULD BE  
12 FORTHCOMING UNTIL THESE ISSUES ARE RESOLVED. THANK YOU FOR  
13 YOUR COURTESY AND ATTENTION TO OUR CONCERNS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

16

17 **BRUCE CAMPBELL:** GOOD DAY MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
18 BRUCE CAMPBELL FROM THE PALMS DISTRICT OF L.A. AND I FAVOR  
19 ITEM NO. 3, SINCE I OPPOSE APPROVAL OF THE MISSION VILLAGE  
20 PROPOSAL IN THE VERY SENSITIVE FREE FLOWING SANTA CLARA RIVER  
21 AREA. IF YOU SUPERVISORS ALLOW THIS DEVELOPMENT TO PROCEED, IT  
22 MAKES IT CLEAR THAT YOU DO NOT CARE FOR FREE FLOWING RIVERS  
23 EVEN IN ITS MOST SENSITIVE PART OR FOR ITS LISTED AND OTHER  
24 RARE SPECIES SUCH AS THE THREE SPINE UNARMORED STICKLE BACK  
25 FISH, LEAST BELLS VIREO, WILLOW FLY CATCHER, ADJACENT ARROYO



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1 TOAD, ENDANGERED PLANTS AND ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER SPECIES.  
2 THUS IF THIS PROJECT IS ALLOWED TO PROCEED, IT MEANS THAT YOU  
3 ALSO DON'T CARE ABOUT GREATLY INCREASED TRAFFIC CRUNCH ON  
4 HIGHWAY 5, WHICH IS SO CRITICAL FOR GOODS MOVEMENT AND MOVING  
5 PEOPLE AROUND NORTHERN L.A. AND KERN COUNTIES, THUS THE  
6 PROJECT WILL LITERALLY INCREASE THE COST OF DOING BUSINESS FOR  
7 MANY BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHICH MAY TRUCK OR GET  
8 SUPPLIES FROM OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY. IT ALSO MEANS YOUR HEAD  
9 IS IN THE SAND REGARDING THE INADEQUATE WATER AVAILABILITY FOR  
10 THIS PROJECT. SOME WELLS IN THE VICINITY HAVE BEEN CLOSED DUE  
11 TO A PLUME OF PERCHLORIC CONTAMINATION FROM THE MUNITIONS  
12 FACILITY SO OTHER WATER IS NEEDED BY THOSE WHO ARE GETTING  
13 WATER FROM THESE CLOSED WELLS. IT MEANS YOU ALSO TRUST A  
14 CREDIT DOWNGRADED DEVELOPER TO COMPLETE THE INFRASTRUCTURE  
15 RELATED TO THIS DEVELOPMENT, THOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT  
16 THEY CAN AFFORD IT. DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY THERE IS LOTS OF  
17 ENERGY AND LOTS OF FUNDS NEEDED TO DE-CEMENT PARTS OF THE L.A.  
18 RIVER, BUT OUR COUNTY'S JEWEL OF A WATER COURSE YOU WANT TO  
19 CEMENT? I'M ALSO QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT THE OAK REMOVAL AND THE  
20 RECENT POSTING OF A PART OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT  
21 JUST THIS LAST FRIDAY. AND LASTLY, PLEASE HONOR THE WINNING  
22 BASEBALL TEAM BY SAVING OPEN SPACE IN WHICH THEY CAN BAT  
23 BALLS. PLEASE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS APPEAL. THANKS SO MUCH.  
24



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP MARIE  
2    HALL AND JASON WEINER. CAM, YOU'RE NEXT.

3

4    **CAM NOLTEMEYER:** CAM NOLTEMEYER. FIRST, LET'S CLEAR UP ONE LIE  
5    THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THIS DEVELOPER. THEY ARE NOT THE  
6    SAME DEVELOPER THAT DEVELOPED VALENCIA. I LIVE IN VALENCIA.  
7    I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT. I BELIEVE THAT HAS TO STOP. THE OTHER  
8    THING IS THE CHLORIDE ISSUE. YOU'RE ACTING AS THOUGH ADDING  
9    YOUR 6,000 HOMES DOESN'T AFFECT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR  
10   YEARS NOW BY GETTING RID OF OUR WATER SOFTENERS AND EVERYTHING  
11   ELSE. NOW, WE COULD PROBABLY COMPLY IF YOU WEREN'T ADDING YOUR  
12   6,000 HOMES THAT ARE USING HEAVILY SALTED WELLS INTO THIS  
13   PROBLEM. SO THAT IS A REAL ISSUE HERE AND ISN'T ONE THAT CAN  
14   BE JUST IGNORED. ALSO, THE SPREAD OF THE PLUME FROM WHITTAKER-  
15   BERMITE BROWNFIELD. THIS IS CREATING A WATER CRISIS IN THE  
16   SANTA CLARITA VALLEY GROUND WATER. YOU HAVE ALREADY APPROVED,  
17   GETTING BACK TO THE CHLORIDES JUST FOR A MINUTE, YOU HAVE  
18   ALREADY APPROVED A SANITATION DISTRICT FOR THAT AREA. MAKE  
19   THEM DO IT. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE SELF-SUSTAINING. LET'S SEE  
20   IF YOU WILL DO WHAT YOU PROMISED THIS COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF  
21   PUTTING OFF THAT RESPONSIBILITY ONTO EVERYONE ELSE AROUND YOU  
22   AND THE EXPENSE. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE DOING WITH THIS ACTION.  
23   THE SPREAD OF THE PLUME FROM THE WHITTAKER-BERMITE BROWNFIELDS  
24   IS CREATING A CRISIS IN THE GROUND WATER. NOT ONLY WITH  
25   PERCHLORATE BUT WITH V.O.C.S, D.C.E., P.C.E. THOSE THINGS ARE



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1 NOW BEING PUT INTO, BLENDED INTO OUR WATER SUPPLY. THAT'S WHAT  
2 WE'RE DRINKING. AND THAT DOES AFFECT THE VALENCIA WATER  
3 COMPANY. AND I CAN'T SEE HOW THEY CAN SIT UP HERE AND SAY NO,  
4 IT DOESN'T INVOLVE THEM. THEY HAVE HAD TWO WELLS THAT WENT  
5 DOWN WITH CONTAMINATION. THIS PLUME, THEY DO NOT ONCE MENTION  
6 THAT THEY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO DO NEW MODELING TO SEE HOW  
7 THIS PLUME IS MOVING AND HOW MANY WELLS IT WILL BE AFFECTING.  
8 LET'S BE HONEST AND DIRECT AND ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS AND NOT  
9 PUT IT OFF TO THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAVID  
12 LUTNESS, DAVID LUTNESS. YES SIR.

13

14 **JOHN HALL:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS JOHN HALL AND I'M HERE TO  
15 SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO MISSION VILLAGE AND NEWHALL RANCH IN  
16 GENERAL. LET ME FIRST SAY THAT WITHOUT DEVELOPMENT, WE'D  
17 PROBABLY ALL BE STANDING OUT IN THE RAIN RIGHT NOW. BUT  
18 DEVELOPMENT TAKES ON MANY DIFFERENT FORMS. IT'S NOT DIFFICULT  
19 TO UNDERSTAND WHY URBAN SPRAWL REMAINS ONE OF THE PRIMARY  
20 CAUSES OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION. NOT JUST IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
21 BUT IN METROPOLITAN AREAS AROUND ATLANTA, RALEIGH-DURHAM,  
22 DALLAS- FORT WORTH AND OTHERS. WHEN WE ASK WHY WE HAVEN'T  
23 DEVELOPED MORE EFFECTIVE TRANSIT, THE ANSWERS ALWAYS INCLUDE  
24 AT LEAST ONE STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT WE'RE JUST TOO  
25 SPREAD OUT. BUT IT'S MORE THAN JUST A TRAFFIC ISSUE, IT'S AN



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1 OIL ISSUE, AN AIR QUALITY ISSUE, AND VERY LIKELY A CLIMATE  
2 ISSUE. YES, THIS IS JUST ANOTHER PHASE OF ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT.  
3 BUT THERE'S ALWAYS ONE MORE AND ONE MORE. THERE MUST COME A  
4 TIME WHEN SOMEONE DECLARES IT'S TIME TO CHANGE. IT MAY BE  
5 DECADES BEFORE NEWHALL RANCH IN ITS CURRENT FORM IS COMPLETE.  
6 SOME, IF NOT MOST OF THE BUILDERS AND DECISION MAKERS HERE  
7 TODAY WILL HAVE MOVED ON. TODAY'S POWERPOINTS, PROJECTIONS AND  
8 ASSUMPTIONS WILL BE NOTHING MORE THAN ARTIFACTS IN A TIME  
9 CAPSULE. WE WILL BE FACED WITH THE REAL WORLD AND THAT WILL BE  
10 OUR LEGACY OF THOSE THAT COME BEHIND US. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME CALL UP LYNNE  
13 PLAMBECK. LYNNE. YES, MA'AM.

14

15 **MARIE HALL:** HI. MY NAME IS MARIE HALL. I'VE LIVED IN THE SANTA  
16 CLARITA VALLEY FOR 25 YEARS, SO I'VE SEEN THE EFFECTS OF  
17 DEVELOPMENT THERE. I SUPPORT THE APPEAL OF THE MISSION VILLAGE  
18 PROJECT, WHICH MEANS I OPPOSE THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT AS  
19 APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION. I WAS HERE THREE WEEKS  
20 AGO TO OPPOSE THE LANDMARK VILLAGE PHASE 1, AND SO I'LL SAY  
21 SOME OF THE SAME THINGS. THERE'S VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION ON  
22 THE REASONS WHY THE PROJECT SHOULDN'T GO FORWARD. WE'RE  
23 DESTROYING NATURAL WATERWAYS. WE'RE GIVING OURSELVES POORER  
24 AIR QUALITY THAN WE ALREADY HAVE. WE HAVE WATER SUPPLY  
25 CONCERNS, TRAFFIC CONGESTIONS. AND IN THIS CASE PARTICULARLY,



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1 INADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE BECAUSE THERE'S NO REQUIREMENT FOR A  
2 WASTE TREATMENT PLANT. AND THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE  
3 IMPACT AS ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE E.I.R. AND THE TIMING, WITH OVER  
4 10,000 UNITS APPROVED BUT NOT BUILT IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
5 ADDING 1400 FOR THE FIRST PHASE, LANDMARK VILLAGE, WE HAVE  
6 LOTS OF HOUSES FOR SALE. WE HAVE A HIGH, VERY HIGH VACANCY  
7 RATE IN COMMERCIAL SPACE, A LOT HAS BEEN BUILT AND NEVER  
8 OCCUPIED IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WHY ARE WE GOING TO ADD  
9 MILLIONS OF MORE SPACE? THE ECONOMY'S NOT -- DOESN'T HAVE ANY  
10 INDICATIONS IT WILL IMPROVE SOON. AND ESPECIALLY HOUSING WON'T  
11 BOUNCE BACK BECAUSE IT WILL BE YEARS TO RECOVER FROM THE  
12 MORTGAGE MELTDOWN THAT WE'VE GONE THROUGH IN RECENT YEARS. AND  
13 GIVEN THESE CONDITIONS AND LENNAR'S RECENT BANKRUPTCY, I THINK  
14 THEY SHOULD AT LEAST DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY CAN MAKE SOME  
15 PROGRESS ON LANDMARK VILLAGE IF THAT'S APPROVED AND TO PROVIDE  
16 THE INFRASTRUCTURE BEFORE WE APPROVE ANOTHER PROJECT WHERE  
17 THERE'S AN EVEN GREATER NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE. WE NEED TO  
18 MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE ABLE FINANCIALLY TO HANDLE THAT. SO AT  
19 THIS POINT IN TIME, I SEE NO REASON TO APPROVE THAT PROJECT  
20 BECAUSE IT'S NOT GOING TO BE NEEDED FOR MANY YEARS. AND IN THE  
21 MEANTIME, SOME TECHNOLOGICAL OR LEGISLATIVE CHANGES COULD  
22 AFFECT A PROJECT THAT COULD BE APPROVED CLOSER TO THE TIME  
23 THAT IT WITH ACTUALLY BE BUILT. FOR THIS REASON, I SUPPORT THE  
24 APPEAL.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. IS LYNNE HERE? PLAMBECK?

2    OKAY. LYNNE'S HERE. OKAY. ALSO, JONAS PETERSON, JONAS

3    PETERSON? YES, SIR.

4

5    **JASON WEINER:** MY NAME IS JASON WEINER, I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY

6    FOR THE WISHTOYO FOUNDATION AND ITS VENTURE COASTKEEPER

7    PROGRAM. WISHTOYO IS A CHUMASH NATIVE AMERICAN FOUNDATION

8    WHOSE MISSION IT IS TO PROTECT CHUMASH CULTURE AND THE

9    ENVIRONMENT THAT ALL CULTURES DEPEND UPON. AND WE HAVE ROUGHLY

10   700 MEMBERS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPLEMENT THE CONCERNS,

11   NUMEROUS CONCERNS WE HAVE ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF THE PROJECT. ON

12   BEHALF OF THE WISHTOYO FOUNDATION, WE ARE SUBMITTING FOR THE

13   RECORD AND TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS MORE INFO AND MORE

14   SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CALIFORNIA

15   CONDOR TO THE CHUMASH PEOPLE. THIS LETTER CONTAINS A STUDY BY

16   JOHN W. FOSTER, SENIOR STATE CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGIST FOR

17   CALIFORNIA STATE PARK. SO FOR THE RECORD, I ASK THAT THIS BE

18   SUBMITTED AND COPIES BE SUBMITTED TO ALL THE SUPERVISORS, AS

19   WELL. YOU KNOW, THIS COMMENT LETTER AND THE STUDY IN IT IS IN

20   ADDITION TO INFORMATION SHARED BY MATI WAIYA, A CHUMASH

21   CEREMONIAL ELDER FOR THE CHUMASH PEOPLE, THAT SHOULD SERVE AS

22   SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE BY ITSELF THAT THE CALIFORNIA CONDOR IS

23   IN FACT AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CHERISHED CULTURAL RESOURCE TO

24   THE CHUMASH PEOPLE. AND THE REASON FOR PROVIDING THESE

25   COMMENTS AND THIS REPORT IS THE GROSS MISREPRESENTATION AND



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1 INACCURACIES ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONDOR TO THE CHUMASH  
2 PEOPLE'S RESPONSE TO THE COMMENTS IN THE SPINE FLOWER  
3 CONSERVATION PLAN AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT  
4 PLAN. I ONLY HAVE 32 SECONDS, SO I'M GOING TO SKIP THOSE BUT  
5 YOU CAN LOOK AT THOSE FOR YOUR REFERENCE. THEY WERE QUITE  
6 DISTURBING. AND TO ECHO OUR WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM A COUPLE  
7 DAYS AGO, WISHTOYO WOULD LIKE ESPECIALLY TO TRAIN FORENSICS  
8 CANINES TO GO AND SNIFF OUT THE OLD BURIAL SITES OF THE  
9 CHUMASH PEOPLE. THIS HAS BEEN USED IN SANTA CRUZ WITH THE K.B.  
10 HOME DEVELOPMENT, THE OHLONE NATIVE AMERICANS FOUND NUMEROUS  
11 BURIALS THAT WERE NOT IDENTIFIED BY NORMAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
12 GROUND SURVEYS AND EXCAVATION, AND THIS SAVED A LOT OF THEIR  
13 RESOURCES. THEY COULD PROTECT THEIR RESOURCES AND SIGNIFICANT  
14 IMPACTS TO THEM. SO PLEASE CONSIDER THAT REQUEST AS WELL.  
15 THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JIM  
18 BIZZELLE, BIZZELLE, JIM. YES. YES, SIR.

19

20 **DAVID LUTNESS:** YES, MY NAME IS DAVE LUTNESS, AND I WELCOME  
21 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU PEOPLE TODAY. I OPPOSE THIS  
22 PROJECT AND HOPE YOU KILL IT OUTRIGHT. WE IN SANTA CLARITA  
23 LIVE IN A PLACE THAT IS WATER STRESSED, GOT SOME OF THE WORST  
24 AIR POLLUTION IN THE COUNTRY. WE HAVE AN EPIDEMIC OF CANCER  
25 AND ASTHMA. WE HAVE ENDANGERED SPECIES OUT THERE. WE LIVE IN A



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1 WORLD WHERE CLIMATE CHANGE IS INDISPUTABLE EXCEPT FOR IDIOTS.  
2 AND WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE WE ARE FACING THE LARGEST MASS  
3 EXTINCTION THAT THIS WORLD HAS SEEN IN A LONG, LONG TIME. AND  
4 THIS PROJECT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING FOR ANY OF THOSE PROBLEMS  
5 EXCEPT MAKE THEM WORSE. THE WATER THAT WE HAVE IN SANTA  
6 CLARITA COMES EITHER FROM THE AQUIFER UP AROUND SACRAMENTO OR  
7 FROM THE ESTAURINE ENVIRONMENT UP AROUND SACRAMENTO OR THE  
8 AQUIFER UNDER OUR GROUND. THE AQUIFER IS POLLUTED AND THE  
9 PLUME WILL CONTINUE TO SPREAD IF, ONE, YOU TAKE WATER OUT OF  
10 IT OR, TWO, YOU PUT WATER INTO IT. SO WHETHER IT'S A DROUGHT  
11 YEAR AND YOU'RE TAKING WATER OUT OR IT'S A RAINY YEAR AND  
12 YOU'RE PUTTING WATER IN, YOU'RE SPREADING THAT PLUME. THE SALT  
13 THAT COMES DOWN FROM SACRAMENTO IS A BY-PRODUCT OF THE FACT  
14 THAT THAT IS AN ESTAURINE ENVIRONMENT. THAT IS, IT IS TIDAL  
15 AND THAT OCEAN WATER WILL GET INTO IT AND YOU CANNOT HELP  
16 THAT. SO I HOPE THAT YOU CONSIDER ALL OF THESE THINGS AND YOU  
17 KILL THIS PROJECT. IF YOU DON'T KILL THIS PROJECT, MAKE THEM  
18 PAY BACK WITH MONEY THEY STOLE FROM CALPERS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAVE  
21 BOSSERT. DAVID BOSSERT. LYNNE?

22

23 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** MY NAME IS LYNNE PLAMBECK. I'M HERE AS THE  
24 APPELLANT REPRESENTING THE APPELLATE SANTA CLARITA  
25 ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT



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1 MANY ISSUES IN THE E.I.R., AS STATED BY OUR APPEAL IN OUR  
2 APPEAL, WERE NOT ADDRESSED. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO, MR.  
3 ANTONOVICH, JUST COMMENT BRIEFLY ON SORT OF THE FANTASY WORLD  
4 THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS PROJECT  
5 REPRESENTS. FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO AIR  
6 QUALITY BUT NOT TO GLOBAL WARMING. HOW COULD THAT BE? YOU HAVE  
7 SEVERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES, FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED  
8 SPECIES THAT, WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS PROJECT BUT THERE'S NO  
9 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT TO BIOLOGY. HOW CAN THAT BE? I MEAN THIS IS  
10 ABSURD. MR. MCGWINN STATED WITH THE LANDMARK, AND I'M SURE HE  
11 WILL STATE THE SAME THING TODAY, THAT THERE WERE NO VIOLATIONS  
12 OF WATER QUALITY ISSUES FOR CHLORIDES, AND YET TWO NOTICES OF  
13 VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN FILED. THIS IS LIKE FANTASY LAND. YOU  
14 HAVE A NOTICE OF VIOLATION BUT THERE'S NO NOTICE OF VIOLATION?  
15 I MEAN, IT'S NOT SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE TO DEPEND ON INCORRECT  
16 INFORMATION. THAT'S NOT THE TRUTH. SOMEONE HAS TO START  
17 LOOKING AT THESE ISSUES. THE 2002 AGREEMENT WAS NOT IN THE  
18 SPECIFIC PLANS FOR E.I.R. THE PLAN FOR PUTTING THE FIRST 6,000  
19 UNITS OF THIS WATER THROUGH AN EXISTING SANITATION PLANT WAS  
20 NEVER DISCUSSED IN THE SPECIFIC PLAN. IT WAS NOT AN ISSUE. AND  
21 YET THEY KNEW THEY WERE GOING TO DO IT BECAUSE THAT 2002  
22 AGREEMENT HAS NOW COME OUT JUST THIS YEAR. WE SUBMITTED ALL OF  
23 THAT INFORMATION INTO THE RECORD. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE MY LAST  
24 30 SECONDS TO SPEAK AS A BOARD MEMBER OF NEWHALL COUNTY WATER  
25 DISTRICT AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE. I'M NOT SPEAKING ON



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1 BEHALF OF THE BOARD. I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY  
2 CONSTITUENCY. THE WELL CLOSURE IMPACTS THE WATER QUALITY OF  
3 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. IF WE NEED TO REPLACE THAT WATER,  
4 IT'S GOING TO COME FROM THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. THE SANTA CLARA  
5 RIVER IS NOT AN ADJUDICATED BASIN. IF WATER IS NEED TO PROVIDE  
6 HEALTHY AND CLEAN WATER FOR THE EXISTING COMMUNITY, IT WILL  
7 COME FROM WATER IN THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. NEWHALL LAND DOESN'T  
8 OWN THAT WATER. VALENCIA WATER COMPANY DOES NOT OWN THAT  
9 WATER. IT BELONGS TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND IF WE NEED IT BECAUSE  
10 OUR GROUND WATER AQUIFER IS POLLUTED BY THE SPREAD OF THE  
11 AMMONIUM CHLORIDE POLLUTION PLUME, THEN THAT'S WHAT THAT  
12 CLOSURE OF THAT WELL MAY HAVE INDICATED, MAY INDICATE THAT THE  
13 ENTIRE AQUIFER IS GOING TO BECOME POLLUTED BECAUSE IF THEY  
14 CONTINUE TO PUMP, THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO PULL THE PLUME.  
15 WE HAVE 12 DRINKING WATER WELLS THAT ARE THREATENED BY THAT  
16 POLLUTION PLUME. IF WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPLACE WATER, WE WILL  
17 HAVE TO USE THE WATER FROM THE SANTA CLARA RIVER. I MEAN  
18 THAT'S WHAT WE NEED FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND FOR THEM TO TELL  
19 YOU THAT IT'S NO IMPACT OR IT'S JUST A LOW IMPACT OR WE'RE  
20 GOING TO FIX THE WELL, WELL, THEY CAN CLEAN UP THE WELL, BUT  
21 IF THEY CONTINUE TO PUMP AND CONTINUE TO PULL THE POLLUTION  
22 PLUME, THEY'RE GOING TO POLLUTE THE WHOLE ENTIRE AQUIFER. AND  
23 IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THEY DO THE MODELING TO FIND OUT  
24 WHAT IS GOING ON WITH THAT POLLUTION PLUME BEFORE YOU APPROVE



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1 THIS PROJECT. 4,000 MORE UNITS IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF PRESSURE ON  
2 OUR EXISTING WATER SUPPLY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, LYNNE. ERIC PREVEN? ERIC  
5 PREVEN? YES.

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7 **JONAS PETERSON:** GOOD, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
8 MY NAME IS JONAS PETERSON, I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE  
9 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. MAYOR,  
10 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP  
11 TO CREATE AND RETAIN JOBS THROUGHOUT THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.  
12 OUR ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS MADE UP OF BUSINESS OWNERS, OF  
13 EMPLOYERS, IS STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT  
14 BECAUSE WE KNOW IT WILL HELP CREATE APPROXIMATELY 6,000 JOBS,  
15 MUCH NEEDED JOBS AT BUILD OUT. NEWHALL LAND HAS BEEN A  
16 TREMENDOUS PARTNER TO OUR COMMUNITY OVER THE YEARS. THEY'VE  
17 CREATED 60,000 JOBS AS PART OF THE VALENCIA GATEWAY AREA.  
18 THEY'LL CREATE ANOTHER 60,000 MUCH NEEDED JOBS AS PART OF  
19 NEWHALL RANCH AND THE WEST SIDE DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE IN FAVOR  
20 OF THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT. WE THINK IT IS ALIGNED WITH  
21 OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS, ALIGNED WITH OUR GROWTH PLANS.  
22 WE SUPPORT THE PROJECT AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO OPPOSE THE APPEAL.  
23 THANK YOU.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.



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**JIM BIZZELLE:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS JIM BIZZELLE, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR NEWHALL LAND. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK COUNTY STAFF FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND WORK REGARDING OUR MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT.

MISSION VILLAGE IS OUR SECOND TENTATIVE MAP IMPLEMENTING THE NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC PLAN. THIS PLAN WAS APPROVED BY YOUR BOARD IN 2003 AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF PUBLIC REVIEWS AND HEARINGS IT WAS UPHELD BY THE COURTS. THIS TENTATIVE MAP WHICH HAS BEEN APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD AFTER UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY THE REGIONAL PLAN COMMISSION IS ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE SPECIFIC PLAN. THE MISSION VILLAGE TENTATIVE MAP PROVIDES FOR HOUSING, JOB BALANCE BY PROVIDING 4055 HOMES WHILE CREATING 5988 PERMANENT JOBS AND 13,000 CONSTRUCTION JOBS. ON BEHALF OF NEWHALL LAND, I WOULD LIKE TO RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO DENY THE APPROVAL AND SUPPORT UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION. I HAVE MY TEAM HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, PLUS ANY ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP TODAY, AS WELL.

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**SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DAVID?

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**DAVID BOSSERT:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS DAVE BOSSERT AND I LIVE IN THE STEVENSON RANCH COMMUNITY IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE PROPOSED MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT.

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1 I'VE BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN MY COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST TWO DECADES  
2 AND CURRENTLY SERVE AS VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WEST RANCH TOWN  
3 COUNCIL, WHICH REPRESENTS MORE THAN 18,000 RESIDENTS ON THE  
4 WEST SIDE OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. I'M HERE TODAY ON  
5 BEHALF OF THE WEST RANCH TOWN COUNCIL TO OPPOSE THE APPEAL AND  
6 SUPPORT THE MISSION VILLAGE PROJECT MOVING FORWARD AND BEING  
7 COMPLETED. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO OUR COMMUNITY ON  
8 A REGULAR BASIS OVER THE YEARS. AND THE DEVELOPER HAS DONE AN  
9 OUTSTANDING JOB IN LISTENING TO OUR CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS.  
10 THEY HAVE SHOWN UP MONTHLY TO OUR TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY  
11 MEETINGS AND HAVE POSITIVELY ENGAGED THE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST  
12 WITH WORDS BUT WITH ACTIONS. THEY'VE BEEN DILIGENT IN  
13 INCORPORATING OUR SUGGESTIONS AND MAKING ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON  
14 COMMUNITY INPUT. THE PLANNED VILLAGE CENTER WILL INCLUDE MAIN  
15 STREET ORIENTED BUSINESSES, RESTAURANTS, SHOPS AND A PUBLIC  
16 VILLAGE GREEN OPEN TO COMMUNITY EVENTS. THIS WILL GIVE  
17 RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK CLOSE TO HOME, WHICH IN TURN  
18 WILL HELP TO ALLEVIATE FREEWAY CONGESTION WHILE IMPROVING THE  
19 ENVIRONMENT AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE AREA. THIS IS AN  
20 ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PROJECT THAT WILL PROTECT MORE THAN  
21 75 PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE SANTA CLARA RIVER THAT RUNS  
22 THROUGH MISSION VILLAGE BY LEAVING IT COMPLETELY IN A NATURAL  
23 STATE. NO CONCRETE CHANNELS OR ARTIFICIAL BANKS. IT'S DESIGNED  
24 TO PERMANENTLY PROTECT AQUATIC AND WETLAND HABITATS WITHIN  
25 THIS RIVER CORRIDOR. THIS PROJECT WILL ALSO ADD THOUSANDS OF



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1 TREES AND OTHER PLANTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, FURTHER ENHANCING  
2 THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE AREA. THERE ARE PLANNED COMMUNITY  
3 AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, BIKE AND WALKING PATHS INCORPORATED  
4 THROUGHOUT THIS COMMUNITY AND A SERIES OF HIKING TRAILS THAT  
5 WILL EVENTUALLY CONNECT TO THE NEWHALL RANCH HIGH COUNTRY  
6 TRAIL SYSTEM. IT WILL INCLUDE A MUCH NEEDED REGIONAL LIBRARY,  
7 MORE FIRE STATIONS, SCHOOLS AND MILLIONS IN DEVELOPER FEES TO  
8 IMPROVE ROADS AND SUPPORT COUNTY SERVICES. THIS IS AN  
9 ENVIRONMENTALLY AND ECONOMICALLY RESPONSIBLE PROJECT THAT IS  
10 SMART, WELL THOUGHT OUT, WHILE GREATLY BENEFITING LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND THE EXISTING COMMUNITIES FOR  
12 GENERATIONS TO COME. I RESPECTFULLY URGE YOU TO JUST MOVE  
13 FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT AS SOON AS YOU CAN WITHOUT  
14 HESITATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ON ANOTHER QUESTION THAT'S  
17 NOT RELATED TO THIS, WHEN IS YOUR SEGMENT ON THE FOOD CHANNEL  
18 COMING ON?

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20 **DAVID BOSSERT:** THAT WAS ON LAST SEPTEMBER, ACTUALLY.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID YOU WIN OR LOSE?

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24 **DAVID BOSSERT:** I THINK IT'S RUNNING.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S WHEN YOU FILMED IT.

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3    **DAVID BOSSERT:** IT WAS ACTUALLY AIRED I THINK LAST FALL. I WAS  
4    ACTUALLY A GUEST JUDGE.

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6    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OH, YOU WERE THE JUDGE IN THERE. OKAY.

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8    **DAVID BOSSERT:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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10    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID YOU GIVE THEM ALL 10'S?

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12    **DAVID BOSSERT:** ACTUALLY IT WAS A BIT TOUGH, BUT I THINK THE  
13    PERSON THAT ULTIMATELY WON DESERVED IT. THANK YOU. BYE-BYE.

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15    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN?

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17    **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY  
18    RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3, AND I'M VERY DELIGHTED TO SEE THE  
19    AMICABLE AND RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU.  
20    THAT'S NICE THAT YOU NOTED HIS FOOD NETWORK APPEARANCE.

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22    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'VE ALWAYS LOVED DISNEY. AND HE'S ONE  
23    OF THE GREAT ANIMATORS.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. THE OTHER THING THAT OUR GENTLEMAN WHO JUST  
2 SPOKE TALKED ABOUT WAS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN DEVELOPMENT  
3 FEES. I THOUGHT HE WAS READING OFF OF MY LIST. I FIND THIS  
4 PROJECT --

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL YOU'RE BOTH FROM HOLLYWOOD. SO  
7 MAYBE THAT'S TRUE.

8

9 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE PROJECT THAT IS BASED ON A SERIES OF KIND OF  
10 DELUSIONAL ASSUMPTIONS THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE WATER  
11 QUALITY. THERE HAS BEEN EXPERTS. WE HAVE HAD AN E.I.R., ALL OF  
12 WHICH HAVE POINTED TO SERIOUS PROBLEMS. AND THE RESULT IS  
13 MITIGATING MEASURES. UNFORTUNATELY THE MITIGATING MEASURES ARE  
14 NOT SUFFICIENT. WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE EFFECT THAT THIS IS  
15 GOING TO HAVE ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. AND THE  
16 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE LAST WEEK, OR A  
17 COUPLE MONTHS AGO, BY THE WAY THIS ITEM SHOULD NOT BE PIECE  
18 MEALED INTO DIFFERENT SECTIONS. THAT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT  
19 FOR A MOBILIZED RESISTANCE TO MAKE INTELLIGENT, COHERENT  
20 REMARKS. BUT NONETHELESS THAT MAN SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENT  
21 TEAM IS GOING TO PROVIDE THEIR FAIR SHARE OF ASSISTANCE TO  
22 CREATE ROOM FOR MORE TRAFFIC IN THE FORM OF ANOTHER LANE. I'D  
23 LIKE TO KNOW HOW FAIR SHARE IS DEFINED. I ALSO FEEL THAT THE  
24 NOTION THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE 13,000 PLUS CONSTRUCTION JOBS  
25 TO BUILD THESE HOUSES WOULD BE BASED ON THE MODEL OR THE IDEA



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1 THAT THE ECONOMY WILL SUSTAIN THAT KIND OF GROWTH, WHERE  
2 PEOPLE WILL COME WITH THREE OR 400,000 AND SAY "I'M IN. I WANT  
3 TO BUY A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE HOME." COME ON. WHO IN THEIR RIGHT  
4 MIND IS MAKING THAT PROJECTION? NOT MR. FUJIOKA. MR. FUJIOKA  
5 IS PROJECTING THAT WE'RE IN DEEP, DEEP, DEEP TROUBLE. AND THE  
6 WATER AND THE PLUME? I MEAN, GUYS, HOW MANY PIECES CAN YOU  
7 STRING TOGETHER AND SAY "IT LOOKS GOOD TO ME"? LET'S GIVE IT A  
8 LITTLE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATION. STATE-OF-THE-ART ANALYSIS.  
9 PLEASE FIND OPEN SPACE MIKE ANTONOVICH. WE RESPECT YOU. YOU  
10 HAVE DONE GREAT THINGS. ZEV YAROSLAVSKY ONCE AGAIN HAS  
11 EXHAUSTED HIMSELF FROM THE ROOM DURING THE OAKS BEING FELLED  
12 DISCUSSION. WE MUST RISE UP AS LEADERS AND SAY HOLD ON. LET'S  
13 WAIT UNTIL THE ECONOMY IS BETTER. LET'S WAIT UNTIL THERE IS AN  
14 OPPORTUNITY THAT CAN PRESENT ITSELF TO PUT UP A DEVELOPMENT  
15 SOMEWHERE WHERE IT ACTUALLY MAKES SENSE. SPRAWL IS OUR ENEMY.  
16 WE DON'T WANT MORE SPREAD-OUT PEOPLE DRIVING BACK AND FORTH.  
17 90 MINUTES TO COME TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA? COME ON, GUYS. LET'S  
18 DO OUR BEST.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL GIVE YOU A SECRET. NOT EVERYBODY  
21 WANTS TO WORK DOWNTOWN. A LOT OF PEOPLE WORK IN THE SAN  
22 FERNANDO VALLEY AND THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND KERN COUNTY  
23 AND ANTELOPE VALLEY. THIS IS NOT A MAGNET OF JOBS DOWN HERE.  
24 YOU HAVE JOBS FLEEING THE INNER CITY.

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** NO, I AGREE, I AGREE. BUT THAT'S ALSO NOT A  
2   SECRET. THE SECRETS TAKE PLACE IN THE BACK ROOM AND THESE  
3   DEALS THAT GET MADE. OH THAT MAKES YOU LAUGH. MAYBE YOU COULD  
4   EXPLAIN WHAT CS-2 IS REALLY ABOUT.

5

6   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK STAFF TO RESPOND TO THE  
7   ISSUES MISS PLAMBECK HAD RAISED AND THE OTHERS RELATIVE TO THE  
8   COMPROMISING OF THE WATER WITH THE SANTA CLARA RIVER AND THE  
9   IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY AND THE OTHER ISSUES RELATED TO  
10   ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND ALSO FROM THE INDIAN COMMUNITY.

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12   **SAMUEL DEA:** SURE, I COULD GO AHEAD AND TOUCH ON SOME OF THESE  
13   ISSUES. WITH REGARDS TO THE IMPACTS TO THE RIVER, AS YOU KNOW,  
14   AT THE HEARING FOR LANDMARK VILLAGE, THERE WERE EXTENSION  
15   DISCUSSION REGARDING THE APPROVED E.I.S/E.I.R. FOR THE  
16   SPECIFIC PLAN. AND AS FAR AS MISSION VILLAGE, AS PROPOSED,  
17   IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE ACTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL  
18   AGENCIES AS PART OF THE COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION A FURTHER  
19   REDUCTION ON THE NUMBER OF UNITS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED.

20   ORIGINALLY, THE PROJECT INCLUDED FOR LANDMARK VILLAGE 4400  
21   UNITS AND THAT HAS BEEN PARED DOWN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FISH  
22   AND GAME AND ARMY CORPS'S APPROVAL OF THE SPECIFIC PLAN. WITH  
23   REGARDS TO BIOTA, ALL THE APPLICABLE MITIGATION MEASURES THAT  
24   WERE ADOPTED BY THE REGULATORY AGENCIES SUCH AS FISH AND GAME,  
25   U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE AND ARMY CORPS HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN



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1 THIS PROJECT'S C.E.Q.A. DOCUMENT. AND AS REGARD TO THE NATIVE  
2 AMERICAN SITES THAT'S ON THE PROJECT, THAT HAS BEEN -- THERE  
3 HAS BEEN AN AGREEMENT THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE  
4 APPLICANT AND THE APPLICABLE NATIVE AMERICAN GROUPS TO PROVIDE  
5 ONGOING AND CONSTANT MITIGATION MONITORING DURING PROJECT  
6 DEVELOPMENT AND THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND REPRESENTATIVES  
7 FROM THAT GROUP WAS HERE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AT THE LAST HEARING, THEY SUPPORTED  
10 IT, RIGHT.

11

12 **SAMUEL DEA:** INDICATING TO THAT EFFECT. LITTLE UPDATE ON THE  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION THAT WAS PRESENTED, THAT WAS  
14 MENTIONED. THESE ARE MERELY CLARIFICATIONS AND UPDATE TO THE  
15 DOCUMENT THAT YOU MAY BE TAKING ACTION ON. MANY OF THE THESE  
16 DOCUMENTS ARE JUST UPDATING THE EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE SINCE  
17 THE COMMISSION'S ACTION ON THIS PROJECT BACK IN MAY. FOR  
18 EXAMPLE, MANY MUCH THESE COMMENTS RELATED TO THE ACTIONS OF  
19 FISH AND GAME. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN THE COMMISSION TOOK ACTION  
20 ON THE E.I.R., THE E.I.S./E.I.R. WAS STILL PENDING BEFORE  
21 THESE FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES. CONSEQUENTLY, THE DOCUMENT  
22 THAT THE COMMISSION TOOK ACTION ON REFLECTED THAT THAT IS THE  
23 STATUS. HOWEVER, SINCE THE COMMISSION'S ACTION, BOTH OF THOSE  
24 AGENCIES HAVE ACTED ON THEIR -- ON THIS DOCUMENT AND ISSUING  
25 THE PERMITS FOR THIS PROJECT. AND THOSE ADDITIONAL





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1   INFORMATIONS MERELY TO REFLECT THOSE UPDATED EVENTS. SO  
2   THERE'S NO NEW INFORMATION THAT HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED IN THE  
3   HEARING FOR LANDMARK VILLAGE OR AT THE COMMISSION'S HEARING  
4   PROCEEDINGS. SO THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS AVAILABLE TO EXPAND ON  
5   THAT FACT, AS WELL. PUBLIC WORKS IS HERE TO EXPAND ON ISSUES  
6   REGARDING DRAINAGE AND FLOOD HAZARDS ALONG THE PROJECT SITE.

7

8   **STEVE BURGER:** I HEARD THE CONCERNS REGARDING THE IMPACTS TO  
9   THE RIVER AND TO ADJACENT PROPERTIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
10   WORKS SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME, A NUMBER OF YEARS, REVIEWING  
11   EXTENSIVE ANALYSES THAT WERE DONE OF THAT VERY ISSUE, THE  
12   IMPACTS AND WHETHER THERE WOULD BE IMPACTS. AND OUR REVIEW IS  
13   VERY COMPREHENSIVE. WE LOOKED AT -- WE UTILIZED AND REQUIRED  
14   THE ANALYSIS TO UTILIZE THE LATEST MODELS. AND OUR CONCLUSION,  
15   THE REPORT'S CONCLUSION, AND WE AGREED WITH THIS, THAT THERE  
16   WERE NO IMPACTS TO THE RIVER FROM A FLOOD HAZARD STANDPOINT.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

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20   **SPEAKER:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE HAVE REVIEWED THE  
21   CONCERNS THAT WERE RAISED BY MISS PLAMBECK AND OTHERS  
22   REGARDING THE ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION THAT WAS  
23   PROVIDED TO THE BOARD ON THE BOARD'S WEBSITE ON FRIDAY AND  
24   CONCLUDE THAT C.E.Q.A. HAS IN FACT BEEN COMPLIED WITH AND THE  
25   PREPARATION OF THE FINAL E.I.R. WAS DONE IN COMPLIANCE WITH



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1 C.E.Q.A., SO THE BOARD CAN CHOOSE TO TAKE ACTION TODAY TO  
2 CERTIFY THAT DOCUMENT IF THEY SO CHOOSE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THERE WERE SEVERAL TIMES IN SOME OF THE  
7 TESTIMONY. WHAT GUARANTEES OR WHAT BONDING PROCESS DO WE HAVE  
8 ON THE APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PROVIDE THE  
9 INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S REQUIRED ON AN ONGOING BASIS? AND  
10 OBVIOUSLY IT'S CRITICAL. THIS IS THE KEY TO THE ENTIRE PROCESS  
11 IS THE ABILITY TO DEVELOP THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

12

13 **SAMUEL DEA:** I'D LIKE TO BRIEFLY GO OVER THOSE ISSUES. MANY OF  
14 THESE DEVELOPMENTS THAT YOUR BOARD APPROVED, WHAT YOU'RE  
15 APPROVING TODAY IS THE TENTATIVE MAP. IT ALLOWS A CONCEPTUAL  
16 APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, THERE'S SUBSEQUENT TO  
17 YOUR BOARD ACTION, THERE'S THE FINAL MAP PROCESS FOR THE  
18 DEVELOPER OR THE APPLICANT SUBDIVIDED IN THAT CASE WOULD HAVE  
19 TO POST BONDS, PROVIDE DEVELOPER FEES BEFORE ANY OF THE UNITS  
20 COULD BE RECORDED AND ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IN THIS PROJECT, THE PLANNED COMMUNITY  
23 ALSO HAS A PARK THAT'S ABOUT THE EQUIVALENT, THE SIZE OF  
24 GRIFFITH PARK THAT IS PART OF THE OVERALL --

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1   **SAMUEL DEA:** THAT IS CORRECT. WHEN YOUR BOARD ADOPTED THE  
2   SPECIFIC PLAN, IT INCLUDED A VAST AREA, APPROXIMATELY 4500  
3   ACRES, CALLED THE HIGH COUNTRY. AND NOW THE DEDICATION OF THE  
4   HIGH COUNTRY IS PHASED. EACH DEVELOPMENT COMES THROUGH, A  
5   PORTION OF THAT OPEN SPACE GETS DEDICATED PERMANENTLY THROUGH  
6   AN ESTABLISHED CONSERVANCY AND PROVIDE FUNDING AND MAINTENANCE  
7   ASPECT OF THAT OPEN SPACE AND ALSO MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
8   PUBLIC, AS WELL.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH ALSO INCLUDES EQUESTRIAN TRAILS?

11

12   **SAMUEL DEA:** YES. IT INCLUDES AN EXTENSIVE TRAIL NETWORK NOT  
13   ONLY TO THE HIGH COUNTRY BUT ALSO ALONG THE RIVER, AS WELL.

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15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISSION VILLAGE IS THE SECOND  
16   SUBDIVISION PROPOSAL WITHIN THE ADOPTED NEWHALL RANCH SPECIFIC  
17   PLAN CONSISTENT WITH THE PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED SPECIFIC PLAN.  
18   IT'S A 1262-ACRE MASTER-PLANNED COMMUNITY CONSISTING OF 4055  
19   RESIDENTIAL UNITS. AND IT'S A MIXED USE COMMERCIAL SPACE  
20   APPROXIMATELY 693 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE, INCLUDING NEARLY 27  
21   ACRES FOR PUBLIC PARKS, NEARLY 86 ACRES DEDICATED TO THE  
22   PRESERVATION OF THE SPINE FLOWER, AND AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, A  
23   LIBRARY AND A FIRE STATION. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
24   HAS CONDUCTED PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE MATTER. AND NOVEMBER 10  
25   OF 2010, MARCH 16 OF 2011, MAY 18 OF 2011 AND MAY 18 OF 2011.



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE PROJECT. I WOULD  
2 MOVE THAT THE BOARD CERTIFY THE E.I.R. DRAFT FINAL E.I.R. AND  
3 MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN ADOPTING THE E.I.R. FINDINGS OF  
4 FACT, STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROJECT 04-  
5 1815, INDICATING THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL AND  
6 APPROVE PROJECT NO. 041815, INCLUDING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
7 MAP 6105, C.U.P. 2005-00080, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 2005-  
8 00081, OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 20005-000032, OAK PERMIT NO. 2005-  
9 00043, PARKING PERMIT 2005-00011, AND SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMANCE  
10 REVIEW 201-00000001, AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE  
11 THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR THE  
12 PROJECT INCLUDING VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, CONDITIONAL USE  
13 PERMIT AND OAK TREE PERMITS AND PARKING PERMITS AND  
14 SUBSTANTIAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS AND THEN BRING THE FINDINGS  
15 BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR A FUTURE DATE. SECONDED  
16 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.  
17

18 **SPEAKER:** ON ITEM 4, THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ON INTRODUCTION  
19 OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 15, VEHICLES AND  
20 TRAFFIC SECTION 15.64.075, TO INCLUDE ALL-DAY PARKING  
21 RESTRICTION OF NONCONFORMING VEHICLES IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
22 COUNTY AREA OF ALTADENA. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT,  
23 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED, AND WE HAVE ONE MEMBER OF THE  
24 PUBLIC. ANTONIA RAMIREZ?

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1   **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU TO  
2   RESTRICT ANY PARKING OF CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS AND CRIMINAL  
3   FREELOADING GANG BANGERS' NONCONFORMING VEHICLES, ESPECIALLY  
4   THOSE VEHICLES THAT HAVE FULLY TINTED WINDOWS AND NO LICENSE  
5   PLATES, THAT THOSE ARE AND ALSO THOSE THAT ARE THE LOW RIDERS  
6   AND THOSE THAT HAVE MANY DENTS AND ARE RIDDLED WITH BULLET  
7   MARKINGS AND GRAFFITI MARKINGS. DEPORT, DEPORT, DEPORT, AND  
8   IMPOUND, IMPOUND, IMPOUND. AND I'D LIKE TO CLONE DEPUTY STEVE  
9   WHEATCROFT AND FIRE THE ENTIRE EAST L.A. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
10   AND HAVE HIM FULFILL EVERY POST THERE. AND HE WOULD PROMOTE  
11   PUBLIC SAFETY, WELL-BEING, PEACE, HARMONY AND PROTECT US AND  
12   PROVIDE FREEDOM FRIENDLY HABITABILITY. SO I'M ASKING YOU  
13   PLEASE DON'T RETIRE, NOT ANY TIME SOON, GOD, WE LOVE YOU, MAN.  
14   WE NEED YOU, REALLY. EAST L.A., YOU WOULD TRANSFORM THAT URBAN  
15   BLIGHT TO SOMETHING EMPOWERING. GOD, STEVE, WE LOVE YOU, MAN.  
16   TOO BAD YOU'RE LEAVING. JESUS CHRIST. THANK YOU.

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18   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO SAY? OKAY. I'LL  
19   MOVE THE MOTION THAT WE SEND STEVE? [LAUGHTER.] SECONDED BY  
20   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO APPROVE THE ITEM WITHOUT  
21   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM S-2?

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23   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS THE AUDITOR HERE? THE MAYOR IS CALLING  
24   FOR THE AUDITOR? AUDITOR-CONTROLLER?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE'S A LITTLE GATE THERE. WHEN I  
2    ASSUMED THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE FIRST FIVE IN JANUARY THIS  
3    YEAR, THE FIRST ISSUES THAT WE HAD TO FACE WAS SACRAMENTO'S  
4    PROPOSED BUDGETARY SOLUTION TO TAKE AWAY 50 PERCENT OF OUR  
5    FUNDS, EXISTING AND FUTURE PROPOSITION 10 FUNDING FROM THE  
6    LARGEST 10 COMMISSIONS STATEWIDE. FOR FIRST FIVE L.A., THAT  
7    WOULD AVERT APPROXIMATELY \$450 MILLION FROM ITS CURRENT  
8    RESERVES AND \$50 MILLION IN ITS FUTURE RESERVES ANNUALLY.  
9    GIVEN THE POTENTIAL IMPACT TO THE COUNTY'S CHILDREN AND  
10    FAMILIES, IT WAS OUR COMMISSION'S BEST INTEREST TO  
11    INDEPENDENTLY VERIFY AND REVIEW THE COMMITTED EXPENDITURES TO  
12    INSURE PROPER BUDGETING FOR BINDING CONTRACTS AND OPERATIONAL  
13    PROCEDURES TO ENSURE THE COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF FUTURE  
14    INVESTMENTS. SO ON FEBRUARY 10, THE FIRST FIVE COMMISSION  
15    UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZED AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT IN CONJUNCTION  
16    WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER THROUGH A SOLICITATION.  
17    FIRST FIVE L.A. HIRED HARVEY M. ROSE AND ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT  
18    THIS AUDIT IN TWO PHASES. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE STATE LEGISLATURE  
19    ADOPTED STATE BUDGET TRAILER BILL 99 REDIRECTING A ONE-TIME,  
20    \$1 BILLION FROM FIRST FIVE COMMISSION STATEWIDE TO A SPECIAL  
21    STATE FUND. THIS IMPACT IS \$424 MILLION WHICH MUST BE RETURNED  
22    TO THE STATE BY JUNE 30, 2012. THE COUNTY, ALONG WITH A NUMBER  
23    OF OTHER COUNTIES, THEN FILED A LAWSUIT CHALLENGING THE  
24    LEGALITY OF A.B.99, FOLLOWING WHICH THE STATE'S FINAL ADOPTED  
25    BUDGET COINCIDENTALLY DID NOT ANTICIPATE THE RETURN OF THE \$1



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1 BILLION. HOWEVER, GIVEN THAT THIS REMAINS LAW ON THE BOOKS TO  
2 DATE, THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT WAS NECESSARY. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO  
3 INVITE HARVEY ROSE AND FRED BROUSSEAU, WHO IS HARVEY ROSE AND  
4 ASSOCIATES TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF BOTH PHASES 1 AND 2 OF  
5 THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT ALONG WITH JIM SCHNEIDERMAN OF OUR  
6 COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S OFFICE. AND BEFORE YOU EXPLAIN,  
7 HARVEY, THE USUAL AND CUSTOMARY EXIT PROCESS YOUR FIRM  
8 UNDERGOES WITH ANY AGENCY PRIOR TO THE FINALIZING AN AUDIT,  
9 THE DUE PROCESS THAT YOU PROVIDED THE FIRST FIVE L.A. CHIEF  
10 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS PRIOR TO  
11 FINALIZATION OF EACH PHASE OF THE AUDIT, WHETHER YOU  
12 INCORPORATED THE INPUT IN ITS ENTIRETY, YOU RECEIVED FROM THE  
13 FIRST FIVE L.A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT  
14 DIRECTORS TO EACH DRAFT INTO THE FINAL REPORT BEFORE US TODAY  
15 AND WHETHER OR NOT FIRST FIVE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND/OR  
16 DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL TIME TO PROVIDE MORE  
17 EXTENSIVE INPUT TO EITHER PHASE, PARTICULARLY IN THE FORM OF A  
18 WRITTEN RESPONSE AND WHETHER IN YOUR OPINION AT THE TIME YOU  
19 FINALIZED EACH PHASE RESPECTIVELY, THAT THE FIRST FIVE  
20 EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS WERE SATISFIED WITH  
21 THE AMOUNT AND QUALITY OF INPUT THAT THEY PROVIDED TO YOUR  
22 FINDINGS. AND THEN DESPITE THE DUE PROCESS YOU JUST DESCRIBED,  
23 THE PHASE OF YOUR REPORT NOW IS COMPLETED IN JULY BUT TWO  
24 MONTHS LATER ON OCTOBER 1, EXCUSE ME OCTOBER 13, FIRST FIVE  
25 L.A. ISSUED AN EXTENSIVE WRITTEN RESPONSE TO PHASE 1. DID YOU





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1 FIND THAT INFORMATION IN FIRST FIVE L.A.'S WRITTEN RESPONSE  
2 SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT IN CONTENT FROM THE INPUT YOU RECEIVED  
3 DURING THE EXIT PROCESS FOR PHASE 1? AND IS THAT USUAL AND  
4 CUSTOMARY IN THESE SITUATIONS?

5

6 **HARVEY ROSE:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS, AND I WILL RESPOND TO THOSE QUESTIONS. I HAVE A  
8 BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT, IF THAT'S PERMISSIBLE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU'RE ON.

11

12 **HARVEY ROSE:** FOR THE RECORD MY NAME IS HARVEY ROSE, FOUNDER OF  
13 HARVEY M. ROSE AND ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. I STARTED IN THE FIELD  
14 OF GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE AUDITING IN 1962. AS A MATTER OF  
15 FACT, AS I RECENTLY TESTIFIED BEFORE YOU, MR. MAYOR, AND  
16 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I AM SO OLD, I KNEW BASKIN ROBBINS  
17 WHEN THEY ONLY HAD TWO FLAVORS. I FOUNDED THE FIRM ACTUALLY IN  
18 1978, '79. AND SINCE THEN WE HAVE CONDUCTED PERFORMANCE AUDITS  
19 AND ANALYSES OF VIRTUALLY EVERY AREA OF MAJOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
20 ENTITIES IN CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS FOR SMALL AND MID-SIZE  
21 GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTIONS. AS YOU MAY KNOW, SUPERVISORS, OUR  
22 FIRM HAS SERVED AS THE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE ANALYST UNDER  
23 CONTRACT TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SINCE 1978  
24 AND AS CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AUDITOR TO THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SINCE 1981. WE ARE MASTER AGREEMENT



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1 CONTRACT AUDITORS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AUDITOR-  
2 CONTROLLER, THE CITY CONTROLLER OF LOS ANGELES, THE PORT OF  
3 LOS ANGELES, AND LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS, AND WE SERVE  
4 NUMEROUS OTHER PUBLIC SECTOR JURISDICTIONS ON A PROJECT-  
5 SPECIFIC BASIS. I BELIEVE THAT THE MOST CRITICAL  
6 CHARACTERISTIC OF OUR FIRM THAT HAS ENABLED US TO SUCCEED FOR  
7 OVER THREE DECADES AND WHICH SETS OUR FIRM APART IS OUR  
8 INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY. WE HAVE CONDUCTED NUMEROUS  
9 PERFORMANCE AUDITS ON POLITICALLY CHARGED TOPICS. BUT  
10 REGARDLESS OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND REGARDLESS OF THE  
11 PERSONALITIES INVOLVED, WE APPROACH OUR WORK IN THE SAME  
12 MANNER BY PROVIDING AN INDEPENDENT AND OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS AND  
13 REPORTING THE FACTS REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE CHIPS MIGHT FALL.  
14 WE BELIEVE THAT THE GREATEST VALUE WE CAN PROVIDE TO OUR  
15 CLIENTS IS PROVIDING A CANDID, STRAIGHTFORWARD, INDEPENDENT  
16 AND OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT OF WHAT WE HAVE EVALUATED AND MAKING  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ACCORDINGLY. WE DO NOT EXPECT  
18 OUR REPORTS TO PLEASE EVERYBODY. BUT WE DO EXPECT THAT  
19 EVERYONE READING OUR REPORTS WILL KNOW THAT OUR REPORTS ARE  
20 INDEPENDENT, OBJECTIVE AND ARE BASED ON THE FACTS. WE'RE NOT  
21 FAVORED BY OR HIRED BY ENTITIES THAT HAVE PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS  
22 OF WHAT THEY WANT A THIRD-PARTY PERFORMANCE AUDITOR TO TELL  
23 THEM. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT WE HAVE CONDUCTED THIS PROCEDURES  
24 ENGAGEMENT FOR THE FIRST FIVE L.A. AND HAVE MADE OUR ANALYSIS  
25 AND PREPARED OUR REPORTS IN OUR INSISTENT MANNER OF



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1 MAINTAINING TOTAL INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY. ALTHOUGH I WAS  
2 NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS ENGAGEMENT, I HAVE REVIEWED THE  
3 PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 REPORTS AND WANT TO EXPRESS MY  
4 PROFESSIONAL OPINION THAT OUR REPORTS CONTAIN SIGNIFICANT  
5 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT, WHEN IMPLEMENTED, SHOULD  
6 GREATLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND ECONOMY OF  
7 FIRST FIVE L.A.'S OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE GOVERNMENT, THE  
8 OVERSIGHT ROLE PERFORMED BY THE FIRST FIVE L.A. BOARD OF  
9 COMMISSIONERS. I WANT TO MAKE A GENERAL STATEMENT, MAYOR  
10 ANTONOVICH, TO YOUR OVERALL QUESTIONS. WE HAVE FULLY COMPLIED.  
11 AND I WANT TO EMPHASIZE FULLY COMPLIED WITH THE UNITED STATES  
12 GENERAL ACCOUNTING GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS OF THE UNITED  
13 STATES GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING OFFICE HEADED BY THE CONTROLLER  
14 GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES. AND WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I  
15 WOULD LIKE FRED BROUSSEAU, OUR PROJECT MANAGER, TO PROVIDE A  
16 BRIEF SUMMARY OF OUR REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS,  
17 ADDRESSING YOUR QUESTIONS, AND ALSO WE WILL OF COURSE BE HAPPY  
18 TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS. AND THE OKAY.

19

20 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
21 SUPERVISORS. FRED BROUSSEAU FROM HARVEY ROSE & ASSOCIATES. I  
22 WAS THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR BOTH PHASES OF THE PROCEDURE'S  
23 ENGAGEMENT. FIRST TO RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE  
24 PROCESS AND THE EXIT PROCESS. WE HAD AN EXIT CONFERENCE AT THE  
25 END OF EACH PHASE OF THE PROCEDURE'S ENGAGEMENT. THERE WERE



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1 TWO REPORTS PRODUCED. THE DRAFT REPORTS WERE PROVIDED TO THE  
2 AGENCY STAFF FOR REVIEW. AND WE HAD EXIT CONFERENCES WITH THEM  
3 TO GET THEIR COMMENTS. WE INCORPORATED THEIR COMMENTS AND  
4 SUGGESTED CHANGES WHERE APPROPRIATE AND WHERE WE WERE IN  
5 AGREEMENT IN BOTH CASES THE DRAFT REPORTS AND THE FINAL  
6 REPORTS WERE ALTERED TO INCORPORATE SOME OF THE INPUT WE  
7 RECEIVED IN THE EXIT CONFERENCES. LET'S SEE. I THINK YOUR  
8 OTHER QUESTION WAS IS THIS A CUSTOMARY PROCESS? YES, IT IS A  
9 CUSTOMARY PROCESS FOR US TO OBTAIN THE INPUT FROM THE AGENCY  
10 OR PROGRAM WE HAVE AUDITED. IN ADDITION, YOU ASKED ABOUT THE  
11 WRITTEN RESPONSE. WE HAVE NOT SEEN THE WRITTEN RESPONSE. SO I  
12 CAN'T COMMENT ON THE CONTENT OF THAT. BUT I DO KNOW WE  
13 INCORPORATED THE INFORMATION FROM THE EXIT CONFERENCES INTO  
14 THE FINAL VERSIONS OF OUR REPORT. IN TERMS OF IS IT A USUAL  
15 AND CUSTOMARY PRACTICE TO HAVE A WRITTEN RESPONSE SUBMITTED?  
16 AFTER WE ARE DONE, IT CERTAINLY HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER  
17 JURISDICTIONS, BUT IT'S NOT THE COMMON PRACTICE IN OUR  
18 EXPERIENCE. SO WITH THAT, I'LL GO ON TO THE FINDINGS UNLESS  
19 YOU HAD OTHER QUESTIONS. JUST QUICKLY TO GO BACK TO THE  
20 ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE, AND THIS GOES BACK TO THE  
21 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROCEDURE'S ENGAGEMENT, THERE  
22 WERE TWO ASPECTS. ONE WAS INCORPORATED IN PHASE 1 AND LARGELY  
23 DEALT WITH FINANCIAL MATTERS WHERE THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO REVIEW  
24 AND VALIDATE THE RESERVES AND AVAILABLE FUNDS AT FIRST FIVE  
25 L.A., TO CONFIRM THAT THE ACCOUNTS WERE APPROPRIATED,



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1 MAINTAINED AND RESERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS  
2 AND LOCAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. WE WERE TO COMPARE CHANGES  
3 IN ALLOCATIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES BETWEEN JUNE 30,  
4 2010 AND FEBRUARY 28 AND REVIEW AND ASSESS A SAMPLE OF ACTUAL  
5 EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS AND REVIEW FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
6 PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY AGENCY STAFF. SO  
7 THAT WAS THE PHASE 1 PROCESS OR OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE. FOR  
8 PHASE 2, THE FOCUS WAS ON USE OF AGENCY RESOURCES. AND IN THAT  
9 CASE, WE WERE ASKED TO REVIEW FIRST FIVE L.A.'S FINANCIAL  
10 POSITION AND PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO OTHER FIRST FIVE  
11 ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. TO EVALUATE THEIR USE OF  
12 RESOURCES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH PROPOSITION 10 OR STATE LAW  
13 REQUIREMENTS. TO DETERMINE IF THE AGENCY HAD DONE AN  
14 APPROPRIATE JOB OF USING ITS RESOURCES FOR THE INTENDED  
15 PROGRAMS AS OPPOSED TO ACCUMULATING BALANCES OR INCURRING  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. TO DETERMINE THE TARGET POPULATION BEING  
17 REACHED BY THE AGENCY RELATIVE TO OTHER FIRST FIVES AND TO  
18 REVIEW THE CONTRACTING PROCESS THAT INCORPORATING  
19 SOLICITATION, EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF CONTRACTORS. WITH  
20 THAT, I WILL GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF EACH OF THE AREAS OF  
21 FINDINGS, AND I WILL SUMMARIZE THE RECOMMENDATIONS AT THE END.  
22 SO ON THE PHASE 1, AND THIS IS THE FIRST FINDING IN THE PHASE  
23 1 REPORT AGAIN DEALING WITH FINANCIAL MATTERS. OUR FINDINGS  
24 INCLUDED KEYBOARD ACTIONS, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WERE TALKING  
25 ABOUT HERE, ARE NOT ALWAYS CLEARLY COMMUNICATED OR DOCUMENTED.



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1 WE FOUND THIS TO BE THE CASE WITH THE ALLOCATIONS, THE MULTI-  
2 YEAR ALLOCATIONS FOR PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES. IT WAS NOT  
3 ALWAYS CLEAR FROM AGENCY RECORDS HOW MUCH HAD ACTUALLY BEEN  
4 ALLOCATED OR WHEN THERE WERE CHANGES IN ALLOCATIONS, WHAT THAT  
5 AMOUNT WAS. WE ALSO REVIEWED THE PROGRAM BUDGET BUT FOUND --  
6 AND THE PROGRAM BUDGET IS THE MONEY THAT GOES TO GRANTEEES AND  
7 CONTRACTORS FOR THE ACTUAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT THE  
8 AGENCY HAS ADOPTED. THERE HAD NOT BEEN A PROGRAM BUDGET  
9 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR APPROVAL UNTIL  
10 FISCAL YEAR 2010/11. AND THERE WAS ONE AGAIN FOR 2011/12 BUT  
11 THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT HAD OCCURRED. SO I PUT THE  
12 COMMISSION AT A DISADVANTAGE IN TERMS OF MONITORING ACTUAL  
13 EXPENDITURES AND PROGRAM ACTIVITY. WE FOUND INCONSISTENCIES IN  
14 THE APPROVAL OF THE OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND IN TERMS  
15 OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS. I'LL TALK ABOUT THAT MORE  
16 IN A COUPLE MINUTES. WE ALSO FOUND INCONSISTENT FISCAL  
17 INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT  
18 OF AND CHANGES TO ALLOCATIONS. THE PROGRAM BUDGET WAS VERY  
19 LIMITED, PARTICULARLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/11 AND JUST FOR  
20 CONTEXT THAT WAS \$167 MILLION BUDGET BUT WAS SUMMARIZED AT A  
21 VERY HIGH LEVEL IN A SINGLE PAGE FOR COMMISSION REVIEW. IN  
22 CONTRAST, THE OPERATING BUDGET, WHICH PERTAINS TO THE  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND THE AGENCY STAFF, WAS A VERY  
24 DETAILED DOCUMENT, BUT IT WAS ONLY A \$12 MILLION OPERATION.  
25 IMPORTANT, AND THE DETAILS WERE IMPORTANT, BUT IN CONTRAST TO





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1 THE PROGRAM BUDGET WHERE THERE WAS NOT MUCH DETAIL PROVIDED,  
2 THERE WAS A GAP IN INFORMATION. AND THEN CONTRACT AND GRANT  
3 AGREEMENTS. SOME CONTRACTS AND GRANTS CAME TO THE COMMISSION -  
4 - COME TO THE COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL, BUT MANY DO NOT. AND  
5 THERE WAS NOT A CLEAR POLICY BEING FOLLOWED IN TERMS OF WHAT  
6 CONTRACTS WERE APPROVED AND WHERE THE COMMISSION HAD  
7 OVERSIGHT. AS A RESULT OF ALL OF THESE FACTORS, STAFF IS LEFT  
8 IN MANY CASE TO INTERPRET OR DECIDE IMPORTANT MATTERS SUCH AS  
9 ALLOCATION AMOUNTS, CHANGES IN THE BUDGET AND OTHER BOARD  
10 DECISIONS THAT WEREN'T CLEARLY DOCUMENTED. THIS TABLE ON THIS  
11 SLIDE GIVES A -- IT'S JUST A SNAPSHOT. BUT THESE WERE CHANGES  
12 IN ALLOCATIONS BETWEEN JUNE 30, 2010 AND FEBRUARY 28, 2011.  
13 AND HERE WHAT YOU CAN SEE IS THERE WAS A DECREASE IN CERTAIN  
14 ALLOCATIONS OF ABOUT \$67.6 MILLION. WHEN WE REVIEWED THE  
15 DOCUMENTATION FOR THOSE CHANGES, WE FOUND IT VERY  
16 INCONSISTENT. IN SOME CASES, THEY WERE VERY CLEAR MOTIONS MADE  
17 BY THE BOARD AND VOTES TAKEN AND ONE COULD EASILY TRACK THE  
18 CHANGE THAT HAD BEEN MADE. BUT THAT WAS NOT TRUE IN ALL CASES.  
19 IN SOME CASES IT WAS BASED ON A DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD AND  
20 THERE WASN'T A CLEAR VOTE OR CLEAR DOCUMENTATION OF WHAT  
21 CHANGE HAD ACTUALLY BEEN APPROVED. ON THE OTHER HAND, FOR THE  
22 INCREASES, AND THESE ARE IN THE COUNTY-WIDE INVESTMENTS OF  
23 \$127 MILLION, WE DID FIND CLEAR DOCUMENTATION. AND WHEN WE  
24 WENT THROUGH THE MINUTES, IT WAS CLEARLY STATED WHAT CHANGES  
25 HAD OCCURRED. PART OF THIS FIRST PHASE ENGAGEMENT ALSO WAS TO





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1 REVIEW A SAMPLE OF EXPENDITURE TRANSACTIONS. WE REVIEWED A  
2 SAMPLE OF 68 TRANSACTIONS. THESE WERE EXPENDITURES TO GRANTEEES  
3 OR CONTRACTORS OR IN-HOUSE, IN SOME CASES FOR IN-HOUSE STAFF.  
4 AND THEN WE WENT BACK AND REVIEWED THE BACKUP DOCUMENTATION,  
5 THE GRANT, THE CONTRACT, THE INVOICE SUBMITTED AND SO FORTH.  
6 WHAT WE FOUND IN GENERAL FOR THE TRANSACTIONS, THEY WERE  
7 COMPLIANT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT OR THE OTHER  
8 AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXPENDITURE WAS SUFFICIENT. NO CONTRACT  
9 OR GRANTEE WAS EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT THAT HAD BEEN AWARDED TO  
10 THEM IN THEIR GRANT OR CONTRACT. AND THEY WERE CONSISTENT WITH  
11 THEIR OVERALL ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM OR INITIATIVE THEY  
12 WERE INVOLVED IN. WE DID FIND SOME ISSUES, HOWEVER. WE FOUND  
13 SOME GRANTEEES SPENDING IN CATEGORIES THAT DIDN'T MATCH THE  
14 APPROVED BUDGET THAT WAS IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTRACT. SOME  
15 INVOICES WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE BUDGET DOCUMENTS. NOT ALL  
16 CONTRACT BUDGETS AND INVOICES SPECIFIED WHAT SERVICE HAD BEEN  
17 PROVIDED OR WHAT MATERIALS HAD BEEN PROVIDED. NONGRANTEE  
18 INVOICES AND PAYMENTS WERE NOT ALWAYS IDENTIFYING THE  
19 INITIATIVE OR PROGRAM THAT THEY WERE ASSOCIATED WITH. SO IT  
20 MADE IT DIFFICULT TO SUBTRACT THE EXPENDITURE AMOUNT FROM THE  
21 RELEVANT INITIATIVE OR PROGRAM. AND MANY INVOICES WERE NOT  
22 SUBMITTED WITHIN FIRST FIVE L.A.'S REQUIRED TIME FRAME, BUT  
23 THEY WERE PAID ANYWAY. THEN THE NEXT FINDING AREA DEALT WITH  
24 RESERVES AND DESIGNATIONS. THE REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL ASKED US  
25 TO ASSESS THE FUND BALANCE AMOUNT AND BRING IT UP-TO-DATE TO



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1 FEBRUARY 28 AND DETERMINE HOW IT HAD CHANGED SINCE THEN AND IF  
2 THE NUMBERS BEING PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION WERE ACCURATE.  
3 WHAT WE FOUND IN THAT EXERCISE IS WEAKNESSES IN THE PROCESS  
4 FOR TRACKING AND MONITORING THE ALLOCATIONS AND THE AGENCY'S  
5 RESERVES AND THE DESIGNATIONS FOR THEIR PROGRAMS AND  
6 INITIATIVES. SPECIFICALLY, THERE WAS LACK OF PROCEDURAL  
7 CONSISTENCY IN DETERMINING THOSE AMOUNTS AND A LACK OF  
8 CONTROLS OVER THE ALLOCATIONS. THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
9 APPROVES ALLOCATIONS FOR USUALLY SEVERAL YEARS AND THEY'RE  
10 OFTEN IN THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLARS. AND THE CONTROL OVER THAT  
11 RELATIVE TO THE INDIVIDUAL EXPENDITURES WERE DEFICIENT IN MANY  
12 OF THE CASES WE REVIEWED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** [INAUDIBLE]

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16 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** I'M SORRY?

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** [INAUDIBLE]

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20 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** OVER THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

23

24 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT MEANS THAT THE BOARD HAS APPROVED AN  
25 ALLOCATION AND THE STAFF CONTROL OVER HOW MUCH OF IT HAS



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1 ACTUALLY BEEN SPENT WAS SUFFICIENT. IN SOME CASES, FOR  
2 EXAMPLE, MORE HAS BEEN SPENT THAN THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT. SPENT  
3 OR RESERVED. SO THE CONTROL WASN'T STICKING TO THE ORIGINAL  
4 ALLOCATION AMOUNT APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEY WERE SPENDING MORE THAN THEY HAD BEEN  
7 ALLOCATED?

8

9 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IN MOST CASES IT WAS MORE WAS RESERVED THAN  
10 THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT. SO IF YOU COMBINED WHAT WAS SPENT AND  
11 THEN WHAT WAS STILL CLASSIFIED AS A RESERVE, IT EXCEEDS THE  
12 ALLOCATION AMOUNT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET ME UNDERSTAND THIS AGAIN. THE CONTRACTS WERE  
15 ALLOCATED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD. BUT WHAT WAS SPENT WAS  
16 MORE THAN THE ALLOCATION?

17

18 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** NO. LET'S SEE. THE ALLOCATION WAS APPROVED BY  
19 THE BOARD. AN AMOUNT WAS SPENT ON CONTRACTS. AN AMOUNT WAS  
20 THEN RESERVED FOR FUTURE YEARS. SO THE COMBINATION OF  
21 EXPENDITURES ON CONTRACTS AND RESERVES EXCEED THE ALLOCATION  
22 AMOUNT APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN SOME CASES.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WAS THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT THAT WAS APPROVED  
25 BY THE BOARD?



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2 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THAT'S THE AMOUNT THAT WAS ORIGINALLY APPROVED  
3 BY THE BOARD. SAY \$50 MILLION AND THE EXPENDITURES WERE 25 AND  
4 THERE'S 40 STILL CLASSIFIED AS RESERVE. SO THE COMBINATION OF  
5 THOSE TWO EXCEEDS THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE BOARD APPROVES AN  
8 ALLOCATED AMOUNT.

9

10 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. SO WHEN YOU SAY LACK OF CONTROLS OVER  
13 ALLOCATED AMOUNTS, WHAT KIND OF CONTROL WERE YOU SUPPOSED TO  
14 HAVE OVER THE ALLOCATION?

15

16 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT IS THE SINGLE MOST  
17 CONTROL IN OUR OPINION AT FIRST FIVE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS THE CONTRACT AMOUNT?

20

21 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** NO. IT IS THE AMOUNT THAT THE BOARD APPROVES  
22 FOR A PROGRAM FOR SEVERAL YEARS. AND THEN THERE ARE CONTRACTS  
23 THAT ARE EXECUTED TO IMPLEMENT THE ALLOCATION.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU GIVE EXAMPLES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, THAT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA.

3

4 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** OKAY, SO HEALTHY KIDS. AND I DON'T HAVE THE  
5 NUMBERS RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME. BUT LET'S SAY THE ALLOCATION WAS  
6 \$50 MILLION. AND THEN A CERTAIN AMOUNT, AND THEN \$25 MILLION  
7 HAS BEEN SPENT. AND THE RESERVE AMOUNT IS \$40 MILLION. SO THE  
8 COMBINATION IS 65 MILLION. SO IT EXCEEDS THE ALLOCATION AND  
9 CAN'T ACTUALLY BE MET. IN OTHER WORDS, THE RESERVE AMOUNT  
10 SHOULD BE DECREASED TO STICK TO THE \$50 MILLION ALLOCATION  
11 APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WAS THE RESERVE AMOUNT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND  
14 THAT.

15

16 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT'S THE AMOUNT LEFT FOR THAT ALLOCATION. SO  
17 AFTER YOUR EXPENDITURES ARE SUBTRACTED, AGAIN IN THIS EXAMPLE,  
18 IF YOU HAD A \$50 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR HEALTHY KIDS, YOU'VE  
19 SPENT \$25 MILLION, THE RESERVE AMOUNT SHOULD BE \$25 MILLION.  
20 THAT'S WHAT'S LEFT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT WAS NOT THERE.

23



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1 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** CORRECT. IN SOME CASES WE FOUND RESERVE  
2 AMOUNTS THAT EXCEEDED THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT. SO IT WASN'T  
3 BEING USED AS A CONTROL.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW DID THAT HAPPEN? WAS THERE A REASON FOR  
6 IT?

7

8 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE OF THE RECORD KEEPING  
9 DIDN'T KEEP UP WITH OR ADJUST FOR CHANGES THAT HAD OCCURRED,  
10 EXPENDITURES WEREN'T ALWAYS TRACKED TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE  
11 BALANCE.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WASN'T BECAUSE THE BOARD HAD ADDED  
14 ANOTHER 10 OR \$15 MILLION TO THE PROGRAM TO INCREASE THE  
15 RESERVE?

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17 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** NO. IN SOME CASES THE BOARD DOES CHANGE THE  
18 ALLOCATION, THAT'S A SEPARATE MATTER. BUT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
19 WHEN THE ALLOCATION AMOUNT HAS NOT CHANGED. AND THE  
20 RECORDKEEPING AT THE AGENCY WASN'T CONSISTENT WITH THE AMOUNTS  
21 THAT WERE APPROVED FOR ALLOCATIONS.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE RECORDS SHOWED HOW MUCH IN THAT VARIATION?  
24 IF THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE 25 MILLION IN THAT RESERVE, WHAT  
25 DID IT SHOW IN THE RECORDS?



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2 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT WOULD SHOW A RESERVE AMOUNT OF, SAY, 40  
3 MILLION. AND THAT WAS MORE THAN THE ALLOCATION BY THE BOARD OF  
4 COMMISSIONERS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. SO IS THAT LIKE A SNAPSHOT OF THAT MONTH?  
7 WHEN IS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE RECONCILED? AT THAT MOMENT?

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9 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT SHOULD BE RECONCILED WHEN THE EXPENDITURE  
10 IS MADE, THE ENCUMBRANCE AND RESERVE AMOUNTS SHOULD BE  
11 ADJUSTED.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT WAS NOT DONE.

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15 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** CORRECT. SO THE ALLOCATIONS DON'T END UP BEING  
16 THE ULTIMATE CONTROL. AND IN SOME CASES, IF THAT PLAYS OUT,  
17 THE EXPENDITURE WOULD BE MORE THAN THE BOARD HAD APPROVED FOR  
18 THE ALLOCATION OR THERE WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH MONEY TO MEET THE  
19 ALLOCATION AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IF THAT WAS -- IF  
22 THE ALLOCATION IS \$50 MILLION AND YOU USE THAT \$25 MILLION.  
23 THERE SHOULD BE 25 MILLION LEFT. BUT YOU'RE SAYING THE RECORDS  
24 SHOW THERE WAS 40 MILLION LEFT.

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1 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** RIGHT.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE RECONCILED  
4 SOMEWHERE? MAYBE THEY DIDN'T KEEP UP WITH THE CONTRACT?

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6 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** YES. IT SHOULD BE RECONCILED.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** EVERY MONTH.

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10 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** WELL, IT SHOULD BE RECONCILED ON A REGULAR  
11 BASIS. CERTAINLY BY YEAR END. WELL IN AN IDEAL SYSTEM, IT  
12 WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS THE EXPENDITURES ARE INCURRED. SO IF  
13 YOU PAY A CONTRACTOR --

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** DID SANTA CLARA DID THAT?

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17 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** GRANTEE. JUST LET ME FINISH FOR A MINUTE. THE  
18 EXPENDITURE AMOUNT WOULD AFFECT THE RESERVES. THE RESERVES  
19 WOULD BE SUBTRACTED AND UPDATED AS YOU GO, IT WOULD JUST BE AN  
20 AUTOMATIC PROCESS.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S HOW I KEEP MY CHECKING  
23 ACCOUNT CERTAINLY. BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. I ALSO DON'T  
24 RECONCILE IT EVERY DAY. MAYBE AT THE END OF THE MONTH OR EVERY



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1 THREE MONTHS. BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND IS THERE  
2 RECONCILE PERIOD?

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4 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THERE'S AN ANNUAL AUDIT. AND CERTAINLY AMOUNTS  
5 ARE RECONCILED AT THAT POINT. ALL IN JUNE.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THIS STANDARD THAT YOU IMPOSED? OR IS THIS A  
8 STANDARD THE BOARD IMPOSED? OR IS THIS A STANDARD OF BASIC  
9 ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES? I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND.

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11 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT'S A COMBINATION, I'D SAY, SUPERVISOR. BUT  
12 CERTAINLY IN TERMS OF CONTROLS, THE ALLOCATIONS WOULD BE THE  
13 ULTIMATE CONTROL. IT'S LIKE THE COUNTY BUDGET OR ANYTHING  
14 ADOPTED FOR FINANCIAL CONTROL PURPOSES. COUNTY DEPARTMENTS  
15 CAN'T EXCEED THEIR BUDGET.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT THEY WEREN'T EXCEEDING IT  
18 BECAUSE --

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20 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THEY WEREN'T EXCEEDING IT, THAT'S CORRECT. BUT  
21 THE NUMBERS DIDN'T ADD UP TO THE ALLOCATION AMOUNTS.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT IT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE IF IT  
24 WAS RECONCILED AT THAT MOMENT.

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1 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT COULD HAVE. ALTHOUGH IN THE JUNE 30TH AUDIT  
2 NUMBERS, SOME OF THESE -- SOME OF THE RESERVE AMOUNTS WERE  
3 INACCURATE, ALSO.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEY DIDN'T RECONCILE AT THE YEAR END REPORT.

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7 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THEY RECONCILED AT THE YEAR END BUT THEY  
8 WEREN'T 100 PERCENT ACCURATE.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW OFF WERE THEY?

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12 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** WELL, THERE WERE SOME RESERVE AMOUNTS THAT  
13 WERE ARE OVERSTATED OR UNDERSTATED IN THE MILLIONS. WE DIDN'T  
14 GO THROUGH EVERY SINGLE ALLOCATION AND EVERY SINGLE CONTRACT  
15 SO I CAN'T GIVE YOU A TOTAL NUMBER. BUT THEY WEREN'T 100  
16 PERCENT ACCURATE, EITHER.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THEY WEREN'T ACCURATE?

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20 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** WE LOOKED AT A SAMPLE OF ALLOCATION GRANTEEES  
21 AND TRANSACTIONS. SO EXPENDITURES ON CERTAIN PROGRAMS OR  
22 ALLOCATIONS VERSUS THE AMOUNTS THAT WERE LISTED AS RESERVES.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO IS THERE A RECONCILIATION PERIOD  
2   AFTERWARDS? FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN WE DO OUR BUDGET, WE DO A BUDGET  
3   ON JUNE 30, BUT IT REALLY ISN'T RECONCILED UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

4

5   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** FIRST FIVE L.A. DOES GO THROUGH AN ANNUAL  
6   AUDIT PROCESS AND YES THERE IS A RECONCILIATION PROCESS THAT  
7   GOES ON AFTER THE YEAR HAS ENDED.

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9   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT WE DO, AS WELL. MOST PEOPLE DO THAT.  
10   RIGHT?

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12   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** I THINK THAT A STANDARD PRACTICE TO RECONCILE  
13   AFTER. BUT THAT DOESN'T PRECLUDE DOING RECONCILIATION AS  
14   YOU'RE GOING ON THROUGH THE YEAR AND ADHERING TO YOUR  
15   ALLOCATION CONTROLS. THAT'S THE POINT WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE  
16   HERE. AND PART OF THIS WAS, BACK TO THIS SLIDE, IN ABSENCE OF  
17   WRITTEN POLICIES AND DIRECTORS FOR AGENCY FINANCIAL PROCESSES,  
18   MANY OF THE PROCESS FOR ASSIGNING ENCUMBRANCES AND RESERVES  
19   WAS NOT SPELLED OUT IN AGENCY WRITTEN DOCUMENTS. I WANT TO  
20   POINT OUT THAT THOUGH WE IDENTIFIED THESE WEAKNESSES AND WE  
21   WENT BACK TO THE STAFF AND HAD LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT TRYING  
22   TO RECONCILE THESE NUMBERS AND THEY WERE ABLE TO PULL OUT MANY  
23   OF THE TRANSACTIONS AND EXCEPTIONS AND PROVIDE US WITH THAT  
24   INFORMATION, SO THERE WAS A LOT OF DOCUMENTATION IN PLACE. IT  
25   JUST ISN'T SYSTEMATIZED AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE. THE FUND



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1 BALANCE QUESTION, WHAT WE DID WAS COMPILE SOME AGENCY STAFF  
2 ESTIMATES. AND THERE WAS \$925.4 MILLION ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE  
3 FOR FEBRUARY 28. THERE WERE SOME CAVEATS WITH THIS, MUCH OF  
4 WHAT I JUST DISCUSSED. THE ABSENCE OF THIS MONTH-TO-MONTH  
5 ACCOUNTING AND RECONCILIATION OF THE FUND BALANCE AMOUNTS  
6 RAISED SOME QUESTION ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF IT. I DON'T THINK  
7 IT'S EXTREMELY FAR OFF, BUT IT'S PROBABLY NOT COMPLETELY  
8 ACCURATE, EITHER, BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE EXCEPTIONS WE DID  
9 FIND.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN ON THIS MONTHLY RECONCILIATION, IS THAT A  
12 BOARD POLICY?

13

14 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** IT'S A FINANCIAL PRACTICES POLICY. THE BOARD  
15 TO MY KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT ADOPTED THE POLICY.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** OUR COUNTY DOESN'T RECONCILE ITS BUDGET ON A  
18 MONTHLY BASIS. DO WE?

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20 **JIM SCHNEIDERMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE COUNTY DOES MONITOR  
21 BUDGET TO ACTUAL ON A MONTHLY BASIS. THERE IS A NET COUNTY  
22 COST REPORT.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT ISN'T RECONCILED.

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1   **JIM SCHNEIDERMAN:** NO. WE DON'T RECONCILE -- WE RECONCILE TO  
2   THE FINANCIAL RECORDS. WE RECONCILE IT TO THE BUDGET AND SHOW  
3   THE NET. BUT THE OVERALL BUDGET RECONCILIATION IS DONE AT THE  
4   END OF THE YEAR.

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6   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** AND WHAT WE RECOMMENDED ACTUALLY IN THIS CASE,  
7   SUPERVISOR, IS NOT A MONTHLY RECONCILIATION. WE'VE RECOMMENDED  
8   A QUARTERLY ACCOUNTING FOR WHAT IS CURRENTLY ENCUMBERED AND  
9   WHAT IS CURRENTLY RESERVED AND THAT THAT BE REPORTED TO THE  
10  BOARD.

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12  **SUP. MOLINA:** SO EVEN IN YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS YOU'RE NOT  
13  SUGGESTING THAT THEY DO A MONTHLY RECONCILIATION?

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15  **FRED BROUSSEAU:** WE'RE NOT SUGGESTING A MONTHLY RECONCILIATION.  
16  BUT WE ARE SUGGESTING A SYSTEM THAT AUTOMATICALLY UPDATES AND  
17  ACCOUNTS FOR CHANGES IN ALLOCATION AND ENCUMBRANCES. SO MOVING  
18  ON TO WHAT WAS CALLED PHASE 2, AND THIS HAD TO DO WITH THE USE  
19  OF FIRST FIVE L.A. RESOURCES AND SOME COMPARISONS WITH OTHER  
20  FIRST FIVE JURISDICTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY WE  
21  UNDERSTAND FIRST FIVE L.A. IS MUCH BIGGER THAN ALL THE OTHER  
22  FIRST FIVE AGENCIES IN THE STATE. AND WE DID ATTEMPT TO MAKE  
23  ADJUSTMENTS FOR THAT IN OUR NUMBERS AS YOU'LL SEE HERE. AND IN  
24  ADDITION, DIFFERENT AGENCIES HAVE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS,  
25  DIFFERENT POLICIES, DIFFERENT APPROACHES. SO NOT ALL



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1 COMPARISONS ARE EXACTLY MEASURABLE BECAUSE THERE ARE DIFFERENT  
2 POLICY OBJECTIVES AT DIFFERENT FIRST FIVE ORGANIZATIONS. WE  
3 UNDERSTAND THAT BUT THINK THESE NUMBERS CAN BE USED AS A  
4 BENCHMARK AND THEY'RE PRESENTED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ON THE FUND  
5 BALANCE, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS BEING ASKED IS HOW DOES FIRST  
6 FIVE L.A.'S FUND BALANCE COMPARE TO THAT IN OTHER  
7 JURISDICTIONS. WHAT WE FOUND IS IT'S HIGHER THAN THE  
8 JURISDICTIONS WE SURVEYED. AND THESE WERE LARGELY THE OTHER  
9 LARGE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA, THEIR FIRST FIVE AGENCIES. HERE  
10 IS THE SUMMARY. FIRST FIVE L.A. WAS ABOUT 5.8 TIMES ITS  
11 REVENUES IN TERMS OF ITS FUND BALANCE. THAT'S MONEY TO BE  
12 EXPENDED IN THE FUTURE. FIRST IS A MEDIAN AT THE OTHER FIRST  
13 FIVE AGENCIES SURVEYED OF 3.3. SO IT'S A SIGNIFICANT  
14 DIFFERENCE. AND THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY THAT HAS NOT BEEN  
15 EXPENDED BY FIRST FIVE L.A. AND IS SITTING. WE MENTIONED THE  
16 FUND BALANCE OF 925 MILLION, NOW THAT WAS AS OF FEBRUARY, THE  
17 ESTIMATED AMOUNT. BUT THAT'S A GOOD BALLPARK NUMBER FOR WHAT  
18 IS CURRENTLY IN FUND BALANCE. AND LOOKING AT WHAT IS BEHIND  
19 THAT NUMBER, SOME OF IT IS PROGRAMMATIC UNDER SPENDING. WE  
20 LOOKED AT THE LAST THREE YEARS AND COMPARED TO WHAT WAS  
21 EXPECTED TO BE EXPENDED IN THOSE YEARS AND WHAT WAS ACTUALLY  
22 EXPENDED WE FOUND VARIATIONS BETWEEN 9.9 AND 39.5 PERCENT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** COULD I ASK A QUESTION ON THAT?

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1   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** CERTAINLY.

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3   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN YOU SAY UNDER SPENDING, DID YOU ASK THE  
4   COMMISSIONERS AS TO WHY THERE WAS UNDER SPENDING DURING THOSE  
5   THREE YEARS?

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7   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** WE DISCUSSED IT WITH A LOT OF THE STAFF. AND  
8   THE COMMISSIONERS, I BELIEVE WE HAD SOME DISCUSSION WITH THEM,  
9   AS WELL, BUT I GUESS THE QUESTION OR THE RESPONSE THAT OFTEN  
10   CAME UP IS SOME CAPACITY ISSUES AND THE DIFFICULTY OF ALL  
11   AGENCIES MEETING THEIR GOALS OR OBJECTIVES. IT'S NOT ALWAYS  
12   POSSIBLE IN EVERY AGENCY.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW, HAVING BEEN A COMMISSIONER DURING THE THAT  
15   YOU AUDITED, I KNOW THAT WE DIDN'T ALLOCATE ANY MONEY THAT  
16   YEAR.

17

18   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** YES. IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE TRANSITION  
19   YEAR BECAUSE OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN, ABSOLUTELY, THAT IS  
20   CORRECT. BUT IT WENT BEYOND THAT, TOO. BECAUSE WE DID LOOK  
21   BACK IN THE PRIOR YEARS, AS WELL.

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23   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** BUT YOU SAID IN THE THREE YEARS.

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25   **FRED BROUSSEAU:** YES.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE WAS A PLAN NOT TO.

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4 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THERE WAS A PLAN NOT TO, YES. AND THAT BUILDS  
5 UP THE FUND BALANCE, ABSOLUTELY.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT IF YOU PLAN AS COMMISSIONERS  
8 NOT TO, WHY SHOULD YOU HAVE AN EXPECTATION THAT YOU WILL?

9

10 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** RIGHT. WELL THE THREE FISCAL YEARS WE LOOKED  
11 AT HAD HIGHER AMOUNTS BECAUSE WE WERE LOOKING AT '07-'08, '08-  
12 '09, '09-'10. SO I THINK I GOT HALF OF THE YEAR, AM I RIGHT  
13 ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU WERE COMMISSIONER? I'M NOT SURE EXACTLY  
14 THE TIMING. THAT'S RIGHT, BECAUSE IT'S ON A CALENDAR YEAR  
15 VERSUS A FISCAL YEAR. SO FOR THOSE THREE FISCAL YEARS, THAT'S  
16 WHAT WE COMPARED WHAT WAS EXPECTED TO BE SPENT VERSUS WHAT WAS  
17 ACTUALLY SPENT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT IT WAS EXPECTED BY WHOM?

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21 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** BY THE AGENCY, BY THE CONTRACTS THAT WERE  
22 ISSUED AND AS THEY REPORTED IN THEIR ANNUAL REPORT, THE  
23 COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL --

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY EXPECTED TO SPEND THAT MONEY?



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2 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** YES. THAT'S THE REPORTED AMOUNT.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHERE IS THAT?

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6 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THE C.A.F.R. DOCUMENT IS WHERE WE--

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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10 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THE C.A.F.R. AND THE REPORTS TO THE STATE. SO  
11 THERE ARE TWO SOURCES WE USE, ONE WAS THE --

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO WHAT WAS THE EXPECTED AMOUNT TO BE SPENT  
14 IN THE YEAR 2010?

15

16 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK THAT UP. BUT I'M THINKING  
17 IT WAS AROUND BETWEEN 127 AND 150 MILLION. AND THAT'S THE  
18 AMOUNT REPORTED IN THE C.A.F.R., WHICH MAY NOT REFLECT SOME OF  
19 THE COMMISSION DECISIONS OR ACTIONS TAKEN DURING THAT YEAR,  
20 AND PARTICULARLY WHEN THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN WAS ADOPTED. THE  
21 TIMING OF IT MAY HAVE BEEN AFTER THE C.A.F.R. AMOUNT WAS  
22 REPORTED. SO THE REPORTED AMOUNT WAS HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL  
23 EXPENDITURES. IN TERMS OF COST PER CHILD SERVED, HERE WE FOUND  
24 FIRST FIVE L.A. WAS, THE COSTS PER CHILD SERVED COMPARED TO  
25 OTHER AGENCIES, \$1,354 VERSUS 1,222, THE MEDIAN FOR THE



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1 SURVEYED AGENCIES. IN TERMS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, ONE OF  
2 THE QUESTIONS WAS HOW DID ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS COMPARE? WE  
3 FOUND NOT A LOT OF DIFFERENCE HERE BUT WE ALSO PUT A CAVIAT ON  
4 THIS BECAUSE ADMINISTRATION IS DEFINED DIFFERENTLY FOR  
5 DIFFERENT PURPOSES BY FIRST FIVE L.A. AND IN OTHER AGENCIES,  
6 AS WELL. THERE'S A DIFFERENT AMOUNT THAT'S REPORTED TO THE  
7 COMMISSION HERE THAN HOW IT IS REPORTED TO THE STATE BECAUSE  
8 THEY HAVE DIFFERENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. SO IT ISN'T  
9 NECESSARILY ALL REPORTED THE SAME BY EACH AGENCY. SO THERE'S  
10 SOME LIMITATIONS ON THAT. BUT AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE BUDGET  
11 WHAT WE FOUND IS FIRST FIVE L.A.'S NUMBERS WEREN'T  
12 SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT THAN THE OTHER AGENCIES WE LOOKED AT.  
13 AND IN TERMS OF THE TARGET POPULATION SERVED, FIRST FIVE L.A.  
14 WAS SERVING ABOUT 17 PERCENT OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 0  
15 AND 5 ACCORDING TO ITS REPORTS TO THE STATE FIRST FIVE AGENCY.  
16 THE MEDIAN FOR THE SURVEYED ORGANIZATIONS WAS 33 PERCENT.  
17 HOWEVER, THAT INCLUDES THE ORANGE COUNTY FIRST FIVE, WHICH HAS  
18 A VERY DIFFERENT APPROACH TO ITS SERVICES AND REPORTS SERVING  
19 97 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN BETWEEN 0 AND 5 IN ORANGE COUNTY.  
20 SO IT'S A DIFFERENT PROGRAMMATIC APPROACH WHERE THEIR ATTEMPT  
21 IS TO HAVE CONTACT WITH CHILDREN. I THINK EVERY CHILD AT  
22 BIRTH. VERY DIFFERENT THAN MOST OF THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. SO  
23 IT AGAIN REFLECTS SOME POLICY CHANGES OR POLICY DIFFERENCES  
24 BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATIONS. TO TRY TO GET AT A MORE APPLES TO  
25 APPLES COMPARISON, WE LOOKED AT JUST THE SCHOOL READINESS



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1 INITIATIVE AND FOUND FIRST FIVE L.A. SERVED 4.3 PERCENT OF ITS  
2 TARGET POPULATION JUST WITHIN THAT PROGRAM. AND THIS PROGRAM  
3 IS IN PLACE IN OTHER FIRST FIVE'S AS WELL SO WE COULD MAKE A  
4 COMPARISON. THE MEDIAN OF THE POPULATION SERVED THERE WAS 3.7  
5 PERCENT. BUT THE COST PER PERSON SERVED, PARENT AND CHILD, WAS  
6 \$446 AT FIRST FIVE L.A. VERSUS 359, THE MEDIAN FOR THE OTHER  
7 AGENCIES. THE NEXT SLIDE IS SHOWING THE FUND BALANCE AMOUNT.  
8 THIS IS THE POINT MADE EARLIER. AND JUST GIVING YOU SOME OF  
9 THE NUMBERS HERE OF WHAT'S IN FUND BALANCE AND IT SHOWS IT BY  
10 FISCAL YEAR, FIRST FIVE L.A. COMPARED TO THE OTHER  
11 ORGANIZATIONS. AND AS STATED PREVIOUSLY, IT IS A HIGHER  
12 BALANCE. THOUGH ALL OF THE FIRST FIVES DO KEEP A HEALTHY FUND  
13 BALANCE, IN PART BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING FOR FUTURE YEARS.  
14 BUT FIRST FIVE L.A.'S WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN THE OTHER  
15 AGENCIES' NUMBERS. WE ALSO REVIEWED STAFFING AT THE  
16 ORGANIZATION TO ASSESS USE OF RESOURCES. AND WHAT WE FOUND IS  
17 LOOKING AT THE CURRENT STAFFING CONFIGURATION THAT THE  
18 ALLOCATION WAS DISPROPORTIONATE TO SOME OF THE FUNDING AND  
19 PRIORITIES, AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE NEW STRATEGIC PLAN  
20 ADOPTED AND THE MOVE TO PLACE-BASED AND THEN THE FOLLOW UP  
21 ADDITION OF THE COUNTYWIDE AUGMENTATION PROGRAMS, THERE IS A  
22 NEED FOR A PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUNCTION. AND IN THIS CASE, THE  
23 COUNTYWIDE -- THE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT DIVISION HAD NINE  
24 POSITIONS ALLOCATED TO IT AT PRESENT VERSUS 19 EACH ON AVERAGE  
25 FOR BEST START COMMUNITIES, THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION



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1 FUNCTION AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS  
2 DEPARTMENTS. AND ONE OF THE CONSEQUENCES IS THAT THE  
3 COUNTYWIDE AUGMENTATION PROGRAMS ARE BEING SLOW TO GET UP AND  
4 ROLLING. FOR THIS YEAR, THERE'S \$250 MILLION IN CONTRACTS  
5 ASSOCIATED WITH THE COUNTYWIDE AUGMENTATION IMPLEMENTATION FOR  
6 THE YEAR. THE AGENCY IS ESTIMATING ONLY \$15 MILLION IN  
7 EXPENDITURES. SO WHAT WE HAVE RECOMMENDED -- AND I'LL DISCUSS  
8 THAT MORE LATER, BUT IS SOME SORT OF REALLOCATION OF STAFF SO  
9 THAT THE PROGRAMS CAN GET LAUNCHED FASTER AND THERE'S MORE  
10 RESOURCES INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROGRAMS  
11 AND ISSUING THE R.F.P.S AND GETTING THE GRANTEEES AND  
12 CONTRACTORS IN PLACE. AS AN UPDATE, AND THIS IS ONE OF THE  
13 THINGS THAT CAME OUT IN OUR EXIT CONFERENCE PROCESS, THE CHIEF  
14 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS THAT SHE HAS JUST RECENTLY, I THINK,  
15 WHILE THIS WAS BEING PREPARED, MOVED FIVE VACANT POSITIONS  
16 FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS INTO PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. SO IT'S TO  
17 GET SOME STAFF THERE TO ADDRESS THE NEED TO GET THE PROGRAMS  
18 LAUNCHED. BACK TO COMPARISONS WITH OTHER FIRST FIVE AGENCIES,  
19 THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS AT FIRST FIVE L.A. IS 5.2 TIMES HIGHER  
20 THAN OTHER FIRST FIVES. BUT TO TRY TO ADJUST THAT FOR THE  
21 CHANGE IN THE SCALE AND SIZE OF THE ORGANIZATION, THE REVENUES  
22 ARE 4.6 TIMES HIGHER. SO THE STAFFING IS NOT FULLY EXPLAINED  
23 BY THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE IS OUR POINT ON THAT. AND FOR  
24 RESEARCH AND EVALUATION IN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENTS, I  
25 MENTIONED THEY HAVE, WELL THE AVERAGE WAS 19 POSITIONS. BUT



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1 TOGETHER IT'S 28 POSITIONS AND CONSULTANTS AT FIRST FIVE L.A.,  
2 WHICH WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN WHAT WAS FOUND IN THE OTHER FIRST  
3 FIVES SURVEYED WHERE THEY HAD A LOWER PROPORTION OF THEIR  
4 STAFF ALLOCATED TO THOSE FUNCTIONS. WE BELIEVE THERE'S  
5 OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE OR REALLOCATE STAFFING. AS I  
6 MENTIONED, SOME OF THAT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED WITHIN THE LAST  
7 MONTH OR TWO BY THE C.E.O. AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A  
8 LOT OF CONSULTANTS BEING USED FOR BOTH BEST STARTS COMMUNITIES  
9 AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND IT'S POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE  
10 FUNCTIONS NOW PERFORMED BY STAFF COULD BE OFFLOADED TO THE  
11 CONSULTANTS AND POSSIBLY SOME OTHER POSITIONS COULD BE  
12 REALLOCATED FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. AND THIS TABLE SHOWS JUST  
13 SOME OF THE NUMBERS THAT I WAS GOING THROUGH. THE TOTAL STAFF  
14 5.2 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE MEDIAN FOR THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS  
15 SURVEYED HERE, THE OTHER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FIRST FIVES. AND  
16 THE STAFFING 8.7 POSITIONS FOR EVERY \$10 MILLION IN REVENUES  
17 VERSUS THE MEDIAN OF 7.8 AT THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. WE ALSO  
18 REVIEWED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND INFORMATION FLOW. SOME OF  
19 THESE ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED IN PHASE 1, TOO, SO I WON'T  
20 REPEAT THEM. BUT WE DID FIND THIS PATTERN OF SOME OF THE STAFF  
21 INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS VARYING IN  
22 TERMS OF ACCURACY, CLARITY AND LEVEL OF DETAIL. WE ALSO FOUND  
23 SOME OF THE BOARD DECISIONS NOT ALWAYS CLEARLY COMMUNICATED OR  
24 RECORDED. IN SOME CASES, MINUTES WERE NOT CLEAR ABOUT WHAT  
25 DECISIONS THE BOARD HAD ACTUALLY MADE. SO THE FLOW IN BOTH





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1 DIRECTIONS COULD USE IMPROVEMENT IN TERMS OF CLARITY AND  
2 PRECISENESS WHEN DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE. WE LOOKED AT OTHER  
3 COUNTIES, THIS ISSUE OF RIGHT NOW FIRST FIVE L.A. IS AN  
4 INDEPENDENT AGENCY. STATE LAW ALLOWS FIRST FIVES TO EITHER  
5 OPERATE AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY OR TO BE A COUNTY AGENCY. 32  
6 OF THE COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA ARE COUNTY AGENCIES, THE FIRST  
7 FIVES ARE COUNTY AGENCIES, AND 26 OPERATE AS INDEPENDENTS. WE  
8 SURVEYED TWO OF EACH. AND SOME OF THE POINTS THAT CAME OUT  
9 FROM BOTH -- AND ON THE COUNTY SIDE, AGENCIES SAID THAT THEY  
10 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT GIVES THEM THE ABILITY  
11 TO HAVE A PROCESS, A GOVERNANCE PROCESS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT  
12 GOES ON WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY  
13 GOVERNANCE IN GENERAL AND SORT OF THE RULES AND STRUCTURE THAT  
14 COME ALONG WITH THE COUNTY, WHICH IN THOSE CASES THEY  
15 CONSIDERED POSITIVE. IT ALSO PROVIDED THEM ACCESS TO SUPPORT  
16 FUNCTIONS SUCH AS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY OR HUMAN RESOURCES OR  
17 COUNTY COUNSEL FROM THE COUNTY AGENCIES THEMSELVES, WHICH SOME  
18 ALSO CONSIDERED POSITIVE. ON THE INDEPENDENT SIDE, THE  
19 AGENCIES WE INTERVIEWED THAT WERE INDEPENDENT WERE POSITIVE  
20 ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE DECISIONS. THEY HAD  
21 A CERTAIN FLEXIBILITY AND NIMBLENESS THAT THEY CONSIDERED  
22 POSITIVE. ORANGE COUNTY WAS -- CONSIDERS THEMSELVES A HYBRID  
23 IN THAT THEY ARE INDEPENDENT BUT THEY USE SOME OF THE COUNTY  
24 SERVICES AND THEY ARE HAPPY WITH THAT ARRANGEMENT SO THEY CAN  
25 GET SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE COUNTY. SO WE DID NOT CONCLUDE



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1 ONE WAY OR THE OTHER THAT THIS IS -- THAT ONE IS BETTER OR THE  
2 OTHER. THERE SEEM TO BE ADVANTAGES OR DISADVANTAGES TO BOTH  
3 SIDES. CERTAINLY THE STRUCTURE THAT COMES WITH THE COUNTY AND  
4 THE COUNTY GOVERNANCE PROCESS, IT'S ALL IN PLACE HERE. AND  
5 SOME OF THE ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN TERMS OF DECISION MAKING,  
6 DOCUMENTING, DECISION MAKING IS ALREADY IN PLACE WITH THE  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SO THAT STRUCTURE COULD BE ADOPTED IF IT  
8 WERE A COUNTY AGENCY. BUT IT COULD ALSO BE PUT INTO PLACE AND  
9 KEEP THE AGENCY INDEPENDENT. ANOTHER FEATURE THAT CAME UP IN  
10 LOOKING AT FIRST FIVES IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS IS STANDING  
11 COMMITTEES. THERE'S ONLY ONE RIGHT NOW AT FIRST FIVE L.A. WE  
12 DO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISH SOME STANDING COMMITTEES  
13 AND THAT ONE WOULD BE A BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE. BECAUSE  
14 OF THE ABSENCE OF SOME CLEAR BUDGET DOCUMENTS AND DECISION  
15 MAKING, WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A  
16 SUBCOMMITTEE THAT IS FOCUSED ENTIRELY ON BUDGET AND FINANCIAL  
17 MATTERS AND REVIEWING THAT. AND THEN REPORTING THAT ON TO THE  
18 FULL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. THE BOARD MEMBERSHIP, WHICH IS  
19 NOW A MATTER OF BOARD ORDINANCE, THE BOARD ORDINANCE DEFINES  
20 WHO IS ON THE BOARD. AND THERE ARE SOME CONTROLS FROM STATE  
21 LAW, AS WELL, ABOUT THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD. BUT THERE'S  
22 SOME ROOM FOR FLEXIBILITY IN TERMS OF OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT  
23 HEADS OR REPRESENTATIVES THAT COULD BE INVOLVED. IN OTHER  
24 COUNTIES, WE FOUND IT NOT UNCOMMON TO HAVE DIRECTORS OF HUMAN  
25 SERVICES OR SOCIAL SERVICES ON THE BOARD. THAT'S AN OPTION



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1 THAT THIS COUNTY COULD CONSIDER. AND CHILDREN SERVICES, AS  
2 WELL, THE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES AGENCIES, DIRECTORS, WERE IN  
3 SOME CASES MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ELSEWHERE.  
4 DOES NOT HAVE TO BE THAT WAY, BUT THE BOARD HERE HAS THAT  
5 OPTION THROUGH THE ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHES THE COMPOSITION  
6 OF THE COMMISSION. AND COLLABORATION EFFORTS, WE HAD RECEIVED  
7 SOME COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK ABOUT WANTING THE FIRST FIVE L.A.  
8 TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN COUNTY EFFORTS AND COUNTY SERVICES FOR  
9 CHILDREN. THE COUNTY -- THE AGENCY, EXCUSE ME, HAS REPRESENTED  
10 THAT THEY ARE INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS. WHAT WE  
11 ENDED UP RECOMMENDING IS THAT THAT BE DOCUMENTED AND REPORTED  
12 MORE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SO THAT IT'S CLEAR WHAT  
13 COLLABORATION EFFORTS ARE TAKING PLACE AND WHAT THE RESULTS OF  
14 THOSE EFFORTS ARE. IN TERMS OF CONTRACTING AND GRANT  
15 AGREEMENTS, WHAT WE FOUND HERE AND I TOUCHED ON IT EARLIER IS  
16 MOST AGREEMENTS ARE NOT GOING TO THE BOARD. THERE IS A POLICY  
17 IN PLACE TO HAVE BOARD APPROVAL OF GRANTS AND CONTRACTS OVER  
18 \$25,000. BUT IN FACT MOST DO NOT COME BACK TO THE BOARD. THERE  
19 IS A BLANKET APPROVAL OF THE INITIATIVES OR PROGRAMS WHEN THEY  
20 ARE ESTABLISHED. BUT AGAIN, THOSE ARE FOR MULTIYEAR EFFORTS  
21 AND THEN THE STAFF EXECUTES CONTRACTS TO GRANTEEES TO ACTUALLY  
22 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES. BUT THOSE CONTRACTS  
23 FOR THE MOST PART ARE NOT COMING BACK FOR APPROVAL EACH YEAR  
24 EVEN THOUGH THEY GO THROUGH A RENEWAL PROCESS BY STAFF. AND  
25 THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS CAN CHANGE ON THE CONTRACTS, THE SCOPE CAN



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1 CHANGE SOMEWHAT, BUT THEY DON'T COME BACK. NOW, THERE ARE SOME  
2 CONTRACTS THAT COME BACK. AND AS WE POINT OUT HERE FOR FISCAL  
3 YEAR 10/11 THERE WERE \$237 MILLION IN CONTRACTS EXECUTED, 66  
4 MILLION DID COME BACK TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. BUT THE  
5 THRESHOLD FOR WHAT COMES BACK AND THE CRITERIA FOR WHAT COMES  
6 BACK IS INCONSISTENT. WE ALSO IDENTIFIED OUT OF THE 237  
7 MILLION, \$79 MILLION WERE AUTHORIZED AS SOLE SOURCE CONTRACTS,  
8 ABOUT 33 PERCENT. NOW, A BIG CHUNK OF THAT, I THINK ABOUT 51  
9 MILLION, IS FOR L.A. UP, THE UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL. SO THAT'S A  
10 BIG PIECE OF THAT. THE OTHERS WERE MUCH SMALLER MILLION  
11 DOLLARS OR SO CONTRACTS. BUT THE ISSUE WE RAISED IN LOOKING AT  
12 SOME SAMPLES IS THE DOCUMENTATION FOR WHY THEY'RE SOLE SOURCE,  
13 WHY THERE WASN'T COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON THOSE GRANTS OR  
14 CONTRACTS. AND IN THE SAMPLE WE REVIEWED, WE DID NOT ALWAYS  
15 FIND DOCUMENTATION EXPLAINING OR JUSTIFYING WHY THAT  
16 PARTICULAR CONTRACT WAS ISSUED SOLE SOURCE INSTEAD OF GOING  
17 THROUGH A COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS. SO WE RECOMMEND A MORE  
18 RIGOROUS PROCESS FOR DOCUMENTING IT AND OF ALL CONTRACTS DO  
19 COME BACK OVER 25,000 COME BACK TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
20 AT LEAST AS A CONSENT ITEM SO THAT THERE IS A PROCESS BY WHICH  
21 THEY ARE IDENTIFIED, THE INITIATIVE THEY'RE ATTACHED TO IS  
22 IDENTIFIED, AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS KNOWN BY THE BOARD AND  
23 APPROVED BY THE BOARD. WE DID NOT FIND OUTREACH AND  
24 COMPETITIVE BIDDING DOCUMENTATION FOR CONTRACTS IN PLACE THAT  
25 HAD BEEN IN PLACE FOR SEVERAL YEARS. SO THOSE THAT HAD ALREADY



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1 BEEN EXECUTED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO. IN SPITE OF AGENCY POLICY  
2 CALLING FOR THEM TO BE RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS, THEY WERE NOT  
3 ON FILE FOR THE SAMPLE OF CONTRACTS WE REVIEWED. WHAT WE DID  
4 FIND ON FILE IN MOST CASES FOR THE CONTRACTORS AND GRANTEEES IS  
5 DOCUMENTS, THEIR ACTUAL AGREEMENT FORM, THEIR ORIGINAL  
6 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION. THEIR BUDGET DOCUMENT, THEIR INVOICES,  
7 THOSE TYPE OF THINGS WERE ALL ON FILE. SOME OF THE INSURANCE  
8 AND TAX FORMS REQUIRED WERE NOT, OR AT LEAST UP-TO-DATE  
9 VERSIONS WERE NOT ON FILE. THIS IS A SNAPSHOT FOR THE FISCAL  
10 YEAR 2010/11 CONTRACTS, AND JUST BREAKING OUT WHAT WAS  
11 COMPETITIVELY BID, AND MOST OF THEM ARE, \$158.5 MILLION AND  
12 THEN THIS OTHER 78.8 MILLION OVER 58 CONTRACTS WHICH WERE SOLE  
13 SOURCE. AND THESE WERE THE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF EXEMPTIONS  
14 FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING. HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WAS  
15 ANOTHER AREA WE REVIEWED. AND WE LOOKED AT TURNOVER RATES FOR  
16 THE AGENCY. WE FOUND THAT FOR THE LAST FOUR FISCAL YEARS TO BE  
17 BETWEEN 8 AND 19 PERCENT PER YEAR. IT WAS HIGHER THAN WHAT WE  
18 FOUND FOR NATIONAL BENCHMARKS AND FOR OTHER FIRST FIVES WHERE  
19 WE OBTAINED THAT DATA, AS WELL. IN REVIEWING THIS, AND WE DID  
20 GO BACK TO THE AGENCY TO SEE IF THEY HAD ANALYSIS OF WHAT  
21 EXPLAINED THE TURNOVER RATES. AND WE LOOKED AT-- WE REQUESTED  
22 INFORMATION THAT MIGHT EXPLAIN WHERE EMPLOYEES WENT WHEN THEY  
23 LEFT, IF THEY HAD INFORMATION ON THEIR NEXT PLACE OF  
24 EMPLOYMENT OR IF THE COMPENSATION WAS AN ISSUE, OR IF THE WORK  
25 ENVIRONMENT WAS AN ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO THOSE MATTERS, WE



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1 FOUND THE COMPENSATION POLICY WAS NOT REGULARLY REVIEWED OR  
2 UPDATED BY THE BOARD. THERE HAD BEEN NO ASSURANCE THAT  
3 SALARIES ARE STILL COMPETITIVE OR INTERNALLY EQUITABLE BY THE  
4 BOARD AT LEAST BECAUSE THE LAST ADOPTED BOARD COMPENSATION  
5 STUDY AND POLICY WAS IN 2001. THERE HAD BEEN AN UPDATE IN 2006  
6 THAT DIDN'T COMPLETELY CHANGE THE SCHEDULE, THAT IS, THE  
7 COMPENSATION SCHEDULE DID NOT COME TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL.  
8 AND THERE WAS ONE IN 2007, BUT IT WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY THE  
9 BOARD. SO IT RAISES THE QUESTION -- AND WE LOOKED AT THE  
10 SALARY SCHEDULE FOR THE AGENCY. IT PROVIDES A LOT OF  
11 FLEXIBILITY TO STAFF. THE SALARY CHANGES ARE VERY BROAD. AND  
12 THEY COMBINE DISPARATE EMPLOYEE GROUPS. SO THEY ARE GROUPED BY  
13 LEVEL RATHER THAN FUNCTION. SO EVERYONE, SAY A FINANCIAL  
14 ANALYST, A RESEARCH ANALYST OR A PROGRAM OFFICER 2, THEY HAVE  
15 THE 2 AFTER THEM, ALL THOSE POSITIONS ARE GROUPED TOGETHER AND  
16 THEIR SALARIES ARE COMBINED. AND IN THAT CASE, THE RANGE OF  
17 SALARIES WAS 75 PERCENT, WHICH IS A VERY BROAD RANGE. AND  
18 COMBINES, AS I SAY, FUNCTIONS THAT AREN'T NECESSARILY  
19 COMPARABLE. WE ALSO FOUND SOME EMPLOYEES WERE BEING PAID OVER  
20 OR UNDER THE ESTABLISHED RANGES OF THE SALARY SCHEDULE.  
21 FINALLY, THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION FUNCTION, WE REVIEWED  
22 THAT OPERATION, AS WELL. THIS IS WHERE EVALUATIONS ARE DONE OF  
23 THE PROGRAMS, INITIATIVES AND GRANTEEES, AND IN MANY CASES VERY  
24 EXTENSIVE EVALUATIONS, IN SOME CASES MORE MONITORING TYPES OF  
25 ASSESSMENTS OF OUTPUTS. OUTPUTS IN SOME CASES AND OUTCOMES IN





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1 MORE EXTENSIVE ONES. BUT WHAT WE FOUND IS THAT THE APPROACH  
2 USED WAS NOT CONSISTENT ACROSS ALL ALLOCATIONS. A VERY  
3 EXTENSIVE MODEL HAD BEEN PUT IN PLACE, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR THE  
4 NEW PLACE-BASED PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING ROLLED OUT NOW WHICH  
5 DETAILED A TIMELINE, WHAT WAS GOING TO BE MEASURED, AND HOW IT  
6 WAS GOING TO BE REPORTED BACK TO THE BOARD. THERE WASN'T A  
7 COMPARABLE STRUCTURE IN PLACE FOR THE COUNTY-WIDE AUGMENTATION  
8 PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING LAUNCHED. SO WHEN THEY WILL BE  
9 EVALUATED AND HOW HAS NOT BEEN CLEARLY DEFINED BY THE AGENCY.  
10 ALL PROGRAMS ARE EVALUATED. BUT IN SOME CASES NOT UNTIL THEIR  
11 END. SO IF IT'S A THREE OR FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM, THE BOARD OF  
12 COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT SEE AN EVALUATION OF HOW EFFECTIVE IT  
13 WAS UNTIL THE END OF THE FOURTH YEAR. IN OTHER CASES, INTERIM  
14 EVALUATIONS ARE DONE. SO ONE MAY BE PRESENTED AT YEAR TWO, AND  
15 THE BOARD WOULD THEN HAVE MORE INFORMATION. SO WHAT WE  
16 RECOMMENDED IS THAT THERE BE A MORE CONSISTENT APPROACH SO  
17 THAT THE BOARD IS GETTING AT LEAST PERIODIC UPDATES, NOT JUST  
18 ON OUTPUTS OR HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE BEING SERVED BUT ON  
19 OUTCOMES OF PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES AT SOME POINT WHILE  
20 THEY'RE IN PROCESS. AND SPECIFICALLY WE TALKED ABOUT THIS  
21 DASHBOARD APPROACH WHICH IS BEING IMPLEMENTED FOR THE PLACE-  
22 BASED PROGRAMS. WE THINK IT'S A GOOD WAY TO ALLOW  
23 COMMISSIONERS OR THE PUBLIC TO SEE WHERE PROGRAMS ARE AT ANY  
24 POINT IN TIME AND GET A SNAPSHOT OF HOW THINGS ARE  
25 PROGRESSING. THE RECOMMENDATIONS, THERE ARE 39 RECOMMENDATIONS





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1 IN THE TWO REPORTS, 12 IN THE FIRST PHASE AND 27 IN THE  
2 SECOND. I WON'T GO THROUGH ALL OF THEM. BUT JUST TO GIVE YOU  
3 SORT OF THE IDEA OF SOME OF THEM AND SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS  
4 CLARIFYING BOARD OF COMMISSIONER DECISIONS, PROCESSES AND  
5 APPROVALS. AND THESE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE DIRECTED TO THE BOARD  
6 OF COMMISSIONERS IN SOME CASES FOR ACTIONS THAT WE BELIEVE  
7 THEY SHOULD TAKE THEMSELVES, IN SOME CASES FOR ACTION THEY  
8 SHOULD TAKE TO DIRECT MANAGEMENT TO DO CERTAIN THINGS. SO  
9 THESE FIRST ONES ARE DIRECTED TO THE COMMISSION. IN IMPROVING  
10 THEIR OWN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS AND RECORDKEEPING  
11 ESTABLISHING A BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE AS I MENTIONED  
12 EARLIER. PREPARING AN ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN SO THEY CAN HAVE A  
13 BENCHMARK TO COMPARE ACTUAL ACTIVITY EACH YEAR AGAINST WHAT  
14 WAS ANTICIPATED. CONSIDER BOARD ALTERNATIVES, BOTH IN THE  
15 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD IF THEY WANT TO ENHANCE THE ROLE OF  
16 OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENCIES IN THE DECISION-MAKING  
17 PROCESS, THAT'S AN OPTION THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED. AND THIS  
18 ISSUE OF OPERATING AS A COUNTY AGENCY VERSUS CONTINUING AS AN  
19 INDEPENDENT AGENCY. WE ALSO RECOMMEND THE BOARD DIRECT AGENCY  
20 MANAGEMENT, FIRST FIVE L.A. MANAGEMENT, TO PROVIDE  
21 STANDARDIZED FINANCIAL AND BUDGETARY INFORMATION AND CLEARLY  
22 RECORD BOARD DECISIONS. AGAIN, THE ABSENCE OF AN ANNUAL  
23 PROGRAMMATIC BUDGET WE BELIEVE IS A BIG GAP AND IS NEEDED TO  
24 BRIDGE WHAT IS ALLOCATED AT THE MULTIYEAR VERY HIGH LEVEL AND  
25 WHAT IS ACTUALLY SPENT EACH YEAR SO THAT THE COMMISSIONERS



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1 WILL SEE EVERY MONTH WHAT IS ACTUALLY BEING SPENT ON PROGRAMS  
2 RELATIVE TO WHAT IS ANTICIPATED FOR THE YEAR. WE ALSO  
3 RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS IN GRANTEE MONITORING AND CONTROLS AT  
4 THE STAFF LEVEL. MORE INTERNAL FINANCIAL REPORTING AND  
5 CONTROLS PROCEDURES AS WE DISCUSSED EARLIER. SO THERE'S CLEAR  
6 UPDATES TO HOW MUCH IS IN RESERVE, HOW MUCH IS ENCUMBERED FOR  
7 EVERY GRANTEE AND THAT IT ALWAYS TIES BACK TO AN ALLOCATION  
8 AND BUDGET CONTROL. NEW MONTHLY REPORTS ON EXPENDITURES. WE  
9 RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD DIRECT MANAGEMENT TO PREPARE  
10 ALTERNATIVE STAFFING ALLOCATIONS FOR APPROVAL REFLECTING  
11 CURRENT PROGRAM PRIORITIES AND CHANGES, PARTICULARLY THE  
12 COUNTYWIDE AUGMENTATION PROGRAM SO THAT THAT WHOLE PROCESS  
13 GETS ACCELERATED. AND CONSIDER REDUCTIONS AND REASSIGNMENTS AT  
14 SOME OF THE EXISTING FUNCTIONS WHERE FIRST FIVE L.A. HAS A  
15 HIGHER ALLOCATION THAN ELSEWHERE. ON THE CONTRACTS, BRINGING  
16 ALL CONTRACTS TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OVER \$25,000 EVEN  
17 IF THEY ARE CONTINUATIONS OF AN EXISTING CONTRACT BEING  
18 RENEWED THE SECOND YEAR. AGAIN USING THE CONSENT ITEM  
19 APPROACH, WE BELIEVE WOULD SAVE BOARD TIME. WE REALIZE THE  
20 BOARD WON'T BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH EVERY SINGLE CONTRACT IN  
21 DETAIL, BUT AT LEAST ALL WOULD BE REPORTED AND MADE AVAILABLE  
22 TO THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC. PREPARING A CONSISTENT SOLE  
23 SOURCE CONTRACT JUSTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION SO THAT WITH EVERY  
24 SOUL SOURCE DOCUMENT THERE IS A CLEAR RECORD AND JUSTIFICATION  
25 FOR WHY IT WAS AWARDED ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS. ANNUALLY



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1 REPORTING HUMAN RESOURCE MEASURES TO THE BOARD OF  
2 COMMISSIONERS SO THAT THERE'S AN UPDATE ON WHAT TURNOVER IS.  
3 AND THEN REGULARLY STAFF MORALE SURVEYS ARE CONDUCTED AND  
4 STAFF SALARY INFORMATION IS PRESENTED SO THAT THE BOARD CAN  
5 KNOW IF IT IS MAINTAINING A COMPETITIVE SALARY SCHEDULE AND IF  
6 TURNOVER IS HIGHER OR LOWER THAN DESIRABLE. STANDARDIZING THE  
7 APPROACH FOR BASELINE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION, AND THEN AS I  
8 MENTIONED EARLIER IMPLEMENTING A DASHBOARD APPROACH SO THAT  
9 THERE ARE ONGOING EVALUATIONS OF WHAT IS GOING ON WITH ALL  
10 GRANTEES AND CONTRACTORS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERS. THAT IS THE  
11 SUMMARY OVERVIEW. AND WE'D BE HAPPY TO RESPOND TO ANY  
12 QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE  
15 ANY QUESTIONS? I WANT TO INTRODUCE A MOTION COAUTHORED BY  
16 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE  
17 FIRST FIVE L.A. COMMISSION, KNOWN AS PROP 10 WHICH WAS CREATED  
18 BY A COUNTY ORDINANCE IN DECEMBER OF 1998 WITH THE PASSAGE OF  
19 PROPOSITION 10 CALLING FOR THE INVESTMENT OF TOBACCO TAX  
20 REVENUES AND HEALTH, SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AIMED AT  
21 IMPROVING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE 5. IN 1999,  
22 THE COUNTY ADOPTED AN AMENDMENT TO ITS ORDINANCE DESIGNATING  
23 FIRST FIVE L.A. AS A SEPARATE LEGAL PUBLIC ENTITY. THE BOARD  
24 OF COMMISSIONERS CURRENTLY IS NINE MEMBERS, NINE VOTING AND  
25 THREE NONVOTING MEMBERS FOR A TOTAL OF 12. THE NINE MEMBERS



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1   CONSIST OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE  
2   FIVE MEMBERS EACH RESPECTIVELY APPOINT ONE MEMBER TO THE  
3   BOARD, THE HEADS OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND  
4   MENTAL HEALTH AND A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5   EDUCATION. THE THREE NON-VOTING MEMBERS CONSIST OF  
6   REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COUNTY POLICY ROUND TABLE FOR  
7   CHILDCARE AND THEIR INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND  
8   NEGLECT AND THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY. IN LATE  
9   2010, ONE OF SACRAMENTO'S BUDGETARY SOLUTIONS UNDER  
10   CONSIDERATION WAS THE DIVERSION OF 50 PERCENT OF EXISTING AND  
11   FUTURE PROP 10 FUNDING FROM THE LARGER PROP 10 COMMISSIONS  
12   STATEWIDE TO A SPECIAL STATE FUND. FOR FIRST FIVE L. A, THAT  
13   PROPOSAL WOULD DIVERT APPROXIMATELY \$450 MILLION FROM CURRENT  
14   RESERVES AND \$50 MILLION FROM FUTURE REVENUES ANNUALLY  
15   THEREAFTER. GIVEN THE POTENTIAL IMPACT TO OUR COUNTY'S  
16   CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BELIEVED THAT  
17   A VALID INDEPENDENT ESTIMATE OF THE FIRST FIVE L.A.'S  
18   COMMITTED EXPENDITURES WOULD ENSURE PROPER BUDGETING FOR  
19   EXISTING BINDING CONTRACTS. CERTAINLY, GIVEN THE PROSPECTS OF  
20   REDUCED FUTURE REVENUES, OUR BOARD BELIEVED THAT A REVIEW OF  
21   THEIR OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AT FIRST FIVE WOULD ENSURE THE  
22   COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS INVESTMENTS. SO ACCORDINGLY IN  
23   FEBRUARY 2011, THE FIRST FIVE L.A. COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY  
24   AUTHORIZED AN AD HOC FIRST FIVE L.A. COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION  
25   WITH THE L.A. COUNTY AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HIRED HARVEY ROSE &



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1 ASSOCIATES TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE AUDIT OF FIRST FIVE IN TWO  
2 PHASES. PHASE 1, A FINANCIAL AUDIT INTENDED TO CONCLUSIVELY  
3 IDENTIFY THE RESERVE AND AVAILABLE FUNDS, WHICH NOW REVEALED A  
4 LACK OF ADEQUATE ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ITS  
5 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, APPROVALS AND CONTRACT MONITORING. THE  
6 RESULTS OF PHASE 1 PRECIPITATED PHASE 2, A MANAGEMENT AUDIT TO  
7 COMPARE THE USE OF ITS AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND OPERATIONAL AND  
8 PROGRAMMATIC EFFECTIVENESS AS COMPARED TO PROPOSITION 10  
9 COMMISSIONS STATEWIDE. IDENTIFYING FIRST FIVE L.A.'S UNDER  
10 SPENDING OF ITS AVAILABLE RESOURCES, SIGNIFICANT DELAYS IN  
11 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, AND COMPARATIVELY HIGHER  
12 ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATION, PROGRAMMATIC COSTS PER CHILD  
13 SERVED. HIGHER STAFFING LEVELS AND SALARY EQUITY ISSUES, MOST  
14 NOTABLY, HOWEVER, DESPITE EXISTING LOCAL POLICY TO THE  
15 CONTRARY, THE AUDIT REVEALED THAT THE FIRST FIVE L.A. BOARD OF  
16 COMMISSIONERS HAD APPROVED ONLY 28 PERCENT OF THE FIRST FIVE  
17 CONTRACT AWARDS. FIRST FIVE L.A. WAS CREATED UNDER THE HEALTH  
18 AND SAFETY CODE, WHICH ALLOWED FOR THE COMMISSION TO BE  
19 ESTABLISHED AS EITHER A SEPARATE LEGAL ENTITY OR AN AGENCY OF  
20 THE COUNTY WITH INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OVER THE STRATEGIC PLAN  
21 AND THE LOCAL TRUST FUND. THE AUDIT FOUND THAT 32, 55 PERCENT  
22 OF THE 58 COUNTY PROP 10 COMMISSIONS STATEWIDE ARE COUNTY  
23 AGENCIES WITH BOARD COMPOSITIONS DIFFERENT THAN FIRST FIVE  
24 L.A. ADVANTAGES OF COUNTY STATUS INCLUDE FISCAL TRANSPARENCY  
25 ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTY PROCESSES AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO



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1 EFFECTIVELY LEVERAGE FUNDS BY COMBINING RESOURCES WITH OTHER  
2 COUNTY AGENCIES. GIVEN THE UNKNOWN FUTURE IMPACTS OF STATE RE-  
3 ALIGNMENT UPON THE NONFEDERAL SHARE OF CHILD WELFARE AND  
4 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE MUST LEVERAGE AND MAXIMIZE FUNDS TO  
5 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. GIVEN THE  
6 FINDINGS OF THIS AUDIT, ENSURING THAT FIRST FIVE L.A.'S FISCAL  
7 TRANSPARENCY AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY. TO ACCOMPLISH BOTH  
8 THE BOARD MUST CONSIDER MAKING FIRST FIVE L.A. A COUNTY AGENCY  
9 AND DETERMINE AN OPTIMAL COMPOSITION FOR THE BOARD OF  
10 COMMISSIONERS. SO WE'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE COUNTY  
11 COUNSEL TO PREPARE A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY  
12 ORDINANCE 980078, SECTION 1, PART 98, IN 30 DAYS WHICH  
13 IMPROVES THE TRANSPARENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE FIRST FIVE  
14 L.A. BY ESTABLISHING IT AS AN AGENCY OF THE COUNTY WITH  
15 INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY OVER THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE LOCAL  
16 TRUST FUND, AS DESCRIBED IN THE HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE 130140.  
17 AND THAT THE C.E.O. IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
18 AND THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER WITH INPUT FROM THE BOARD OFFICES  
19 AND FIRST FIVE COMMISSION TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON ASPECTS  
20 OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND TRANSITION PROCESS. THAT WAS A  
21 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MYSELF. WE'VE TWO  
22 PUBLIC SPEAKERS. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? OKAY. MAYBE YOU  
23 GUYS SHOULD JUST STAND BY. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. ERIC  
24 PREVEN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY  
2   RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. IT'S VERY QUIET IN HERE BECAUSE THAT  
3   REPORT WAS DEVASTATING. NATURALLY, THE FIRST FIVE REFERS TO  
4   THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF LIFE AND WAS INTENDED TO BENEFIT THE  
5   CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IT, THE BOARD, THIS COMMISSION  
6   THAT HAS BEEN OVERSEEING WHAT WE JUST HEARD ABOUT, WHICH WAS  
7   PACKAGED TOGETHER FAIRLY BY THE HARVEY ROSE'S GROUP REVEALS,  
8   YOU KNOW, UTTER MISMANAGEMENT. I MEAN, I CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW  
9   THE UNDER SPENDING ON STAFF, ON THE SPENDING WITHOUT  
10   ACCOUNTABILITY, ON THE ABSENCE OF RECORDS, I MEAN IT MAKES A  
11   RESIDENT FEEL LIKE WE'RE GETTING RIPPED OFF. I MEAN, THE  
12   NATURE OF THESE EGREGIOUS OVERSIGHTS CANNOT -- I MEAN I'M  
13   CERTAIN THAT THIS WAS NOT DONE INTENTIONALLY. I'M SURE THAT  
14   THIS IS A TOO MUCH ON SOMEBODY'S PLATE. BUT I'M HERE TO SAY  
15   THAT THE PROBLEM WITH HAVING MS. MOLINA AND NOW MR. MAYOR  
16   ANTONOVICH SERVING ON THIS BOARD ALONG WITH THE LOYAL  
17   LIEUTENANTS IS THAT THEY'RE ALL TOO BUSY BECAUSE YOU'RE  
18   MANAGING A GIANT SHIP. AND I'M NOT -- I'M ACTUALLY AT A LOSS  
19   AS TO WHAT THE QUICK FIX ON THIS IS. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
20   MOTION IS SERIOUS. I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS  
21   MEANS. I MEAN I UNDERSTAND THAT A LOT OF THE STATE FUNDING ON  
22   THIS HAS GONE AWAY. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A LOT IN THIS  
23   DIRECTION ON OUR OWN. BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THIS TEAM IS IN  
24   PLACE. I MEAN I'M VERY SAD ABOUT THIS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE





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1 SHAKING YOUR HEAD BECAUSE YOU DISAGREE OR BECAUSE YOU AGREE,  
2 BUT THERE YOU HAVE IT. THANK YOU.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
5 THEY HAD ME STUMPED AT RESERVES WERE MORE THAN THE ALLOCATION.  
6 AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKING SOME QUESTIONS, BUT  
7 IT STILL NEVER MADE ANY SENSE TO ME. RESERVES ARE MORE THAN  
8 WHAT WAS ALLOCATED. YOU MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THAT  
9 THIS FIRST FIVE WAS FORMED FROM 1998 WITH PROP 10. IN 1999,  
10 THE BOARD DECIDED TO MAKE IT INDEPENDENT. SO NOW YOU'RE FOR  
11 ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, YOU'RE SEEING THEY'VE GOT \$925  
12 MILLION IN THE RESERVES AND THE COUNTY WANTS A PART OF IT.  
13 THAT'S WHY IT'S GOING TO GO INTO COUNTY JURISDICTION. 127  
14 MILLION TO BE SPENT IN 2010. WAS THAT FISCAL YEAR 2009-10? OR  
15 FISCAL YEAR 2010-11? I'M KIND OF REMINDED OF THE FUNDING FOR  
16 C.D.B.G. FUNDS, YOUR 37TH YEAR OF OPERATION THERE YOU HAD \$12  
17 MILLION EXCUSE ME, \$14 MILLION IN ROLLED OVER FUNDS. NOW IT'S  
18 NOT \$925 MILLION, BUT STILL, THAT'S 25 PERCENT OF WHAT YOU  
19 FUNDED FOR C.D.B.G. FUNDS. DOCUMENTATION BEHIND THE  
20 DOCUMENTATION AND CONTRACT PROCEDURES? I BELIEVE THERE WAS AN  
21 ITEM ON YOUR AGENDA A FEW MONTHS LAST YEAR, SUPERVISOR  
22 YAROSLAVSKY GOT ALL BENT OUT OF SHAPE OUT OF SOME CONTRACT  
23 PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION FOR CONTRACTING AND PASSED A  
24 RESOLUTION, PASSED A MOTION ABOUT CONTRACT PROCEDURES. IS IT  
25 BECAUSE IT WAS AN INDEPENDENT GROUP THAT THEY ARE NOT



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1 RESPONSIBLE OR DON'T HAVE TO RESPOND TO THE PROCEDURES THAT  
2 WERE REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OR ARE THEY  
3 JUST THUMBING THEIR NOSE AT YOU ALSO?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
6 THOMAS?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT'S  
9 IMPORTANT TO REFERENCE MORE THAN ONE THING. LET ME BEGIN WITH  
10 THE MOTION ITSELF AS IT POINTS TO CONSIDERING MAKING FIRST  
11 FIVE L.A. A COUNTY AGENCY AND DETERMINING AN OPTIMAL  
12 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. IT OCCURS TO ME  
13 THAT AS A RESULT OF THE AUDIT, OUR THRUST OUGHT TO BE TO CAUSE  
14 FIRST FIVE TO PERFORM MORE ADMIRABLY. NOT TO OVERSTATE THE  
15 DEFICITS, I WANT TO STIPULATE THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THERE IS  
16 NO REFERENCE THAT CAN BE DISCERNED FROM THE AUDIT WITH RESPECT  
17 TO MALFEASANCE OR ANYTHING OF THAT SORT. BUT THERE IS  
18 SUBSTANTIAL CONCERN ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT  
19 RESOURCES THAT I DO NOT THINK CAN BE UNDERESTIMATED NOR DO I  
20 THINK THEY SHOULD BE UNDERESTIMATED. SO WHAT'S BEFORE US IS  
21 THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM. IT OPENS THE DEBATE WHICH I  
22 THINK IS APPROPRIATE, AND IT MOVES BEYOND THAT POINT TO ASK  
23 FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT THAT WOULD BE  
24 PREPARED FOR THE BOARD'S DISPOSITION AT A MEETING  
25 APPROXIMATELY 30 DAYS FROM NOW. AND SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT



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1 TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE WE ARE NOT ESSENTIALLY TAKING ACTION ON  
2 REDESIGNING FIRST FIVE AT THIS JUNCTURE. THE DISCUSSION IS  
3 OPENED FOR CONSIDERATION AS I DEEM IT APPROPRIATE TO DO IN  
4 LIGHT OF WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED. IT'S ALL IN PURSUIT OF THE MOST  
5 EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE RESOURCES AND  
6 SERVICE TO THESE YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE ISSUE  
7 IDENTIFIED IN THE AUDIT ABOUT UNDER SPENDING OF THE RESOURCES,  
8 DELAYS IN PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION, AND MOST SIGNIFICANTLY THE  
9 POINT OF APPROXIMATELY 28 PERCENT OF FIRST FIVE L.A.'S  
10 CONTRACTS HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD, THEY'RE VERY  
11 IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS. AND HOPEFULLY OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL  
12 WEEKS WE COME UP WITH THE APPROPRIATE WAYS TO CURE THE  
13 MATTERS, THUS THE MATTER BEFORE US FOR OUR DISPOSITION. THANK  
14 YOU, MR. MAYOR.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE. IT'S NOT A REPORT  
19 BACK. IT IS BASICALLY WRITING THE ORDINANCE TO TAKE OVER FIRST  
20 FIVE AND COME UNDER THE COUNTY. AND I GUESS THAT'S CERTAINLY  
21 THE OPTION BEFORE THIS BOARD. IT WAS THE OPTION TO THIS BOARD  
22 ALMOST, WHAT? 12 OR 15 YEARS AGO. AND IT WAS CERTAINLY THE  
23 OPTION THAT WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE ALMOST 22 YEARS AGO. YOU  
24 KNOW IT'S INTERESTING. WHEN I WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE, ONE OF  
25 THE THINGS WE TRIED VERY HARD TO DO WAS TO PASS THE SIN TAXES.



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1 IT WAS AN ISSUE THAT THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY  
2 AVAILABLE IN THE SIN TAXES, TOBACCO, BEER, WINE, ALCOHOL. AND  
3 OF COURSE, THE LOBBY WAS SO STRONG THAT YOU COULDN'T PASS THAT  
4 LEGISLATION AT ALL. I WAS INVOLVED IN THIS INITIATIVE IN THE  
5 VERY BEGINNINGS OF IT WITH A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO REALLY  
6 FELT IT WAS TIME TO TAX TOBACCO IN THIS STATE FOR TWO REASONS:  
7 NUMBER ONE, IT CLEARLY COULD BRING AN AWFUL LOT OF MONEY TO  
8 MANY NEEDED SOCIAL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE STATE. SECONDLY, IF  
9 WE UP THE PRICE, MAYBE WE CAN START CONTROLLING THE HEALTH  
10 COSTS ASSOCIATED BY SMOKING. BOTH OF THOSE THINGS BECAME QUITE  
11 EVIDENT. AND I'M GLAD THAT THAT PRIVATE GROUP OF FOLKS WHO PUT  
12 THIS INITIATIVE TOGETHER PUT IT BEFORE THE VOTERS AND OF  
13 COURSE UNANIMOUSLY PASSED AND WE STARTED TAXING TOBACCO. I  
14 DON'T KNOW IF CALIFORNIA'S THE HIGHEST PACK COST FOR A PACK OF  
15 CIGARETTES, BUT IT'S PRETTY WELL UP THERE. AND A LOT OF THAT  
16 TAXES GOES INTO FIRST FIVE. AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT WE WOULD  
17 INVEST THIS MONEY IN CHILDREN 0 TO 5 AND HOPEFULLY CREATE,  
18 BECAUSE THERE WAS AN ABSENCE OF THAT KIND OF INVESTMENT  
19 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND THE IDEA THAT IF WE COULD START  
20 DEVELOPING THE KIND OF DOLLARS THAT WE NEEDED TO HOPEFULLY  
21 CREATE PROGRAMMING IN THE VERY FIRST FIVE YEARS OF A CHILD'S  
22 LIFE, HOPEFULLY THE OUTCOMES WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE REMAINING  
23 PART OF THEIR LIFE IF WE GOT A HEAD START THERE. AND SO IT WAS  
24 A GOOD INVESTMENT THAT WAS MADE AT THAT TIME. THE LEGISLATURE  
25 STILL FAILED TO EVER PUT THE REST OF THE SIN TAXES UP. BUT



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1 EVERY SO OFTEN, THEY'VE DONE A POWER GRAB TO TAKE THIS MONEY  
2 AFTER SOMEONE ELSE DID THE HEAVY LIFTING FOR THEM. AND THEY  
3 HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. AND OF COURSE THE GOVERNOR MORE  
4 RECENTLY NOT ONLY THIS PAST GOVERNOR BUT THE GOVERNOR TODAY IS  
5 MAKING AN EFFORT NOW TO TAKE A GOOD DEAL OF THIS MONEY. L.A.  
6 COUNTY HAS BENEFITED VERY, VERY WELL FROM ALL THE DOLLARS THAT  
7 ARE HERE. THERE IS NO DOUBT, I THINK THAT MANY OF US HAVE  
8 TALKED TO OUR COMMISSIONERS AND HAVE REPLACED OUR  
9 COMMISSIONERS BECAUSE WE THINK THERE SHOULD BE SO MUCH MORE  
10 MOVEMENT WITH REGARD TO SOME OF THOSE DOLLARS. BUT THIS BOARD  
11 IS AT THE MERCY OF THE DECISIONS THAT THOSE COMMISSIONERS  
12 MADE. AND OF COURSE THAT WAS THE INTENT WHEN WE PUT TOGETHER  
13 THE ORDINANCE ORIGINALLY, THAT HOPEFULLY WE'D HAVE A SET OF  
14 COMMISSIONERS WHO WOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS OF MAKING THE BEST  
15 EVALUATION POSSIBLE AS TO HOW TO UTILIZE THESE DOLLARS. AND  
16 THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THROUGHOUT THE STATE THERE HAVE BEEN  
17 DIFFERENT HYBRIDS OF THIS. BUT TO DO IT ON THE PRETEXT OF THIS  
18 AUDIT, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I UNDERSTAND WANTING TO TAKE IT  
19 OVER, BUT ON THE PRETEXT OF THIS AUDIT, IT'S JUST NOT  
20 APPROPRIATE, PARTICULARLY ALL THE WHEREAS CLAUSES OF THIS. YOU  
21 KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT CHILDREN'S SERVICES TODAY AND OUR  
22 AUDITOR CAN COME UP AND TELL YOU, WE HAVE 880,000 OUTSTANDING  
23 FROM OUR FOSTER CARE CONTRACTS, OF MONEY THAT CANNOT BE PAID  
24 THAT WE HAVE RECONCILED THROUGHOUT THE LAST YEARS AND IS STILL  
25 OUTSTANDING. WE CAN REMIND OURSELVES THE \$18,000 THAT WAS



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1 STOLEN FROM FOSTER CARE KIDS' CHECKING ACCOUNTS BY ONE OF OUR  
2 PROBATION OFFICER EMPLOYEES. WE CAN ALSO REMIND OURSELVES OF  
3 THE TWO WOMEN THAT ARE PRESENTLY BEING PROSECUTED BY THE  
4 DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO ARE OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND STOLE  
5 \$400,000 OF CHILDCARE MONEY. NONE OF THAT IS EVIDENT HERE AT  
6 ALL. THERE ARE PROCEDURES, I GUESS, I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN, I'VE  
7 READ THE AUDIT AND I CERTAINLY LISTENED TO THE POWERPOINT. I  
8 DON'T KNOW IF I CAN AGREE WITH ALL OF IT. BUT TO SAY THAT THIS  
9 IS -- I DON'T SEE WHERE ONE DOLLAR WAS STOLEN, ONE DOLLAR WAS  
10 MISAPPROPRIATED, ONE DOLLAR WAS MISHANDLED. I HEARD THAT WE  
11 WERE UNDER SPENDING, WHICH IS SOMETHING YOU PROBABLY WON'T BE  
12 HEARING IN THE FUTURE IN L.A. COUNTY. THE ISSUE IS THAT I  
13 WOULD RATHER THAT WE UNDERSTAND CLEARLY WHAT WE ARE DOING. I  
14 DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW. IT CERTAINLY ISN'T  
15 UNDER THIS AUDIT. THERE ARE CERTAINLY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT CAN  
16 BE TAKEN FROM THIS AUDIT AS MOST AUDITS DO. I READ AN AUDIT  
17 RECENTLY, ONE IN YOUR DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IN  
18 PASADENA, IN WHICH THAT AUDIT HAD DISALLOWED \$6,000 IN ONE  
19 AREA, \$4,000 IN ANOTHER AREA AND 3,000 OF THE AGENCY AND IT  
20 MADE RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT WHAT TO DO. AND WE WENT THROUGH AND  
21 WE ALWAYS ACCEPT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OUR AUDITORS AS TO  
22 WHAT TO DO. BUT WE DON'T SAY LET'S CLOSE THAT AGENCY DOWN.  
23 WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH THOSE AGENCIES WHEN WE WANT THEM CLOSED  
24 DOWN IS WHEN WE KNOW IN FACT THAT THEY ARE CERTAINLY VIOLATING  
25 THE RULES OR POCKETING THOSE DOLLARS, AND THAT HAS HAPPENED.





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1 BUT I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT WE ARE MOVING SO DRASTICALLY TO  
2 TAKE OVER THIS AGENCY. BUT IT IS THE WILL AND THE CAPABILITY  
3 OF THIS BOARD. BUT I DO THINK THAT WE'VE NOT HAD AN  
4 OPPORTUNITY TO LISTEN TO COMMISSIONERS OR ANYONE ELSE WITH  
5 REGARD TO THIS ISSUE. THIS IS NOT A REPORT BACK, MR. THOMAS.  
6 THIS IS CLEARLY A TAKEOVER. IT STARTS THE PROCESS OF GETTING  
7 THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REWRITE THE ORDINANCE AND IN 30 DAYS TO  
8 PRESENT IT TO US AND TO BEGIN THE TRANSITION PROCESS. IT  
9 DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE AUDIT WHATSOEVER. AND IT  
10 DOESN'T GIVE US A PERSPECTIVE OTHER THAN HOPEFULLY THE C.E.O.  
11 COMING BACK AND TELLING US, ARE WE GOING TO PUT IT IN  
12 PROBATION? ARE WE GOING TO PUT IT IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE? ARE  
13 WE GOING TO PUT IT IN CHILDREN SERVICES WITH ALL THE  
14 CHALLENGES THEY HAVE? IS IT GOING INTO D.P.S.S.? WHO IS THE  
15 AGENCY THAT'S GOING TO BE ADMINISTERING IT? HOW WILL WE BE  
16 UTILIZING THESE DOLLARS? SO AGAIN, I KNOW THAT THIS IS THE  
17 ACTIONS THIS BOARD CAN TAKE. I THINK IT'S INAPPROPRIATE. I  
18 DON'T THINK THIS AUDIT MERITS THE KIND OF TAKEOVER THAT IS  
19 BEING PROPOSED HERE. I THINK THAT THE AUDIT MAY SHOW AND  
20 DEMONSTRATE THAT THERE ARE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE IMPROVED AS  
21 FAR AS REPORTING. BUT I WOULD CHALLENGE THE AUDIT, AS WELL,  
22 BECAUSE HAVING SERVED WITH THOSE COMMISSIONERS FOR A WHOLE  
23 YEAR AND READ A LOT OF THE REPORTS THAT WERE BEING PRODUCED,  
24 IT WAS VERY INTERESTING IN THOSE FOUR AND FIVE-HOUR MEETINGS  
25 THAT I WOULD SIT THROUGH THAT THERE WAS VERY, VERY LITTLE





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1 POLICY WITH REGARD TO OVERSIGHT OF THE BUDGET. AND SO THERE  
2 WAS ALWAYS A LOT OF PRESENTATIONS OF DIFFERENT SORTS AND A LOT  
3 OF THINGS THAT NEVER WERE KEPT UP WITH. BUT I DON'T THINK THAT  
4 THIS AUDIT SHOULD MERIT A TAKEOVER AS DRAMATIC AS IS BEING  
5 PRESENTED. AND I THINK IT'S UNFORTUNATE AT THIS POINT IN TIME  
6 TO TAKE AWAY THE INDEPENDENCE OF THESE DOLLARS THAT WERE HARD  
7 FOUGHT FOR AND REALLY CREATE A SET OF GOALS FOR FIRST FIVE. I  
8 DON'T KNOW IF THE COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO FULFILL THEM, EITHER.  
9 BUT I DO THINK THAT THIS IS OVERREACHING CONSIDERING WHAT THIS  
10 THAT THIS AUDIT HAS PRESENTED.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST WANT THE SPEAK ABOUT THE AUDIT. AND I  
15 HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION AT THE FIRST FIVE  
16 COMMISSION A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. AND SOME OF US WHO HAVE -- WHO  
17 SERVE ON THE COLISEUM COMMISSION UNDERSTAND BETTER NOW THAN  
18 EVER BEFORE WHAT THE ROLE OF PROCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS  
19 WITHIN AN ORGANIZATION. THIS AGENCY HAS A HUGE AMOUNT OF  
20 MONEY. IT'S NOT \$4,000. IT'S NOT \$16,000. IT'S NOT \$400,000.  
21 THEY'RE SITTING ON OVER \$800 MILLION. AND SOME OF IT, FOR GOOD  
22 REASON, AND SOME OF IT FOR NO APPARENT GOOD REASON. BUT IT'S  
23 JUST BEEN SITTING THERE AND ACCUMULATING. WHAT SHOCKED ME --  
24 AND I THINK ANY READING OF THIS AUDIT SHOULD SHOCK EVERY  
25 SINGLE ONE OF US, WAS THE LACK OF INFORMATION AND THE LACK OF



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1 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF THAT AGENCY AND  
2 ITS COMMISSION. THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF CONTRACTS THAT  
3 WERE APPROVED BY THE AGENCY NEVER CAME TO THE COMMISSION,  
4 WHETHER IT WAS FOR \$5,000 OR FOR \$500,000 OR FOR \$5 MILLION.  
5 THE COMMISSIONERS WERE NOT AWARE OF AND DID NOT CAST A VOTE  
6 AND THEREFORE DID NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO OVERSEE -- PROPERLY  
7 OVERSEE WHAT AND HOW AND UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES FUNDS WERE  
8 BEING EXPENDED. THE ISSUE OF THE SOLE SOURCE SOUNDS A LITTLE  
9 WORSE THAN IT IS, BUT IT'S BAD ENOUGH. SINCE THE LION'S SHARE  
10 OF THAT WENT TO THE L.A. UP, WHICH IS THE ONLY AGENCY OF ITS  
11 KIND. SO IT'S OBVIOUSLY GOING TO BE A SOLE SOURCE. BUT THERE  
12 WERE SEVERAL TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, I FORGOT THE EXACT  
13 NUMBER, THAT WERE ALSO DONE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE  
14 DIRECTOR OR HER SUBORDINATES, WHOEVER WAS IN CHARGE THERE,  
15 WHERE CONTRACTS WERE LET ON A SOLE SOURCE BASIS, THAT THE  
16 COMMISSION DID NOT APPROVE AND IS NOT AWARE OF. NOW, THAT'S  
17 NOT JUST ON THE EXECUTIVE SIDE OF THAT OPERATION, IT'S ALSO ON  
18 THE COMMISSION SIDE OF THE OPERATION. THE COMMISSION NEEDS TO  
19 ASSERT ITSELF AS EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BODY DOES, AND SOME MORE  
20 THAN OTHERS WHEN IT COMES TO ISSUES OF SOLE SOURCE AND  
21 RETROACTIVE CONTRACTS AND ROLLOVER CONTRACTS TO AT LEAST HAVE  
22 THE INFORMATION BROUGHT TO THE BOARD. BUT THIS IS AN AGENCY  
23 THAT APPEARS, BASED ON THIS AUDIT AND BASED ON WHAT I SAW THE  
24 REACTION WAS OF THE BOARD, OF THE COMMISSION, IT'S TWO SHIPS  
25 PASSING IN THE NIGHT. YOU'VE GOT ONE COMMISSION WELL- MEANING



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1 AND VERY DEDICATED PEOPLE, WHO DEVOTE A LOT OF THEIR TIME FOR  
2 NO COMPENSATION WHATSOEVER. BUT THEY'RE NOT ENGAGED AND HAVE  
3 NO INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO GET ENGAGED WITH WHAT'S ACTUALLY  
4 GOING ON IN THE AGENCY. THAT'S NO WAY TO RUN AN AGENCY. THAT'S  
5 NO WAY TO RUN -- THAT IS A PRESCRIPTION FOR TROUBLE. AND WHILE  
6 WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE -- AND WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF ANY  
7 MALFEASANCE OR THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT HAPPENED IN OTHER  
8 AGENCIES AROUND TOWN -- UNTIL THAT COMMISSION GETS IN THE MIX,  
9 WE REALLY HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING ANYTHING ABOUT WHERE THAT  
10 MONEY WENT. IN FACT, I DON'T KNOW IF MR. ROSE IS STILL HERE,  
11 BUT THERE WAS INFORMATION THAT WAS REQUESTED BY THE ROSE  
12 COMPANY, INFORMATION THAT WAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED ABOUT  
13 VARIOUS THINGS THAT WERE NOT SHARED WITH THE AGENCY. DOCUMENTS  
14 THAT ONE PERSON IN THE AGENCY SAID HAD BEEN DESTROYED BECAUSE  
15 THEY DON'T KEEP DOCUMENTS ON PREVIOUS CONTRACTS FOR MORE THAN  
16 A YEAR. OTHERS SAYING THAT THE POLICY IS TO RETAIN THEM FOR  
17 LONGER THAN A YEAR AND THEY WERE SENT ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE  
18 BETWEEN TWO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE FIRST FIVE COMMISSION  
19 STAFF AND COULDN'T GET THE INFORMATION IN TIME FOR THE AUDIT  
20 PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION THIS PAST MONTH. SO I DON'T  
21 KNOW WHAT THE BEST SOLUTIONS IS, BUT THE CURRENT SITUATION  
22 OVER THERE IS NOT HEALTHY. IT'S NOT GOOD. THERE ARE A LOT OF  
23 OTHER THINGS ANECDOTALLY THAT CAME THROUGH IN THEIR  
24 EVALUATION, ANECDOTAL THINGS THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE SERVED AS  
25 CHAIRS OF THAT AGENCY AS WE DO, AND WE ROTATE EVERY YEAR HAVE



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1 HEARD FROM PEOPLE, THAT'S NOT THE RELEVANT THING HERE. THAT'S  
2 WHY I BELIEVE MR. ANTONOVICH DID THE COMMISSION AND US A GREAT  
3 SERVICE BY INSISTING ON THIS AUDIT AND THEN EXPANDING THE  
4 AUDIT ONCE THE INITIAL AUDIT SHOWED SOME QUESTIONS. AND WHILE  
5 THE AUDIT IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE, AND WHILE YOU DID NOT GET ALL THE  
6 INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED AND WHILE YOU DID NOT NECESSARILY  
7 GET ALL THE INFORMATION THAT MR. ANTONOVICH OR OTHER  
8 COMMISSIONERS MAY HAVE ASKED YOU TO GET, WHAT YOU DO HAVE IS A  
9 CRITICAL MASS THAT SUGGESTS -- AND I THINK YOU WERE VERY  
10 DIPLOMATIC IN YOUR PRESENTATION AND IN YOUR WRITTEN REPORT --  
11 BUT THESE ARE WARNING SIGNALS TO ANYBODY LOOKING AT AN  
12 ORGANIZATION OF THIS KIND. AND AGAIN, I'M NOT -- WE'RE NOT  
13 TALKING HERE ABOUT AN AGENCY THAT HAS AN ANNUAL BUDGET OF A  
14 COUPLE OF MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. YOU'RE TALKING HERE ABOUT AN  
15 AGENCY WHICH SPENDS TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS -- HOW MUCH?  
16 WHAT IS THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THIS AGENCY? MR. ROSE? OR  
17 WHOEVER.

18

19 **FRED BROUSSEAU:** THE AGENCY SPENDS ABOUT 167 MILLION ON PROGRAM  
20 AND ANOTHER 12 ON OPERATIONS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO CLOSE TO \$180 MILLION A YEAR OF AN  
23 OPERATING BUDGET AND IT IS SITTING ON A RESERVE OF \$800  
24 MILLION TO BOOT OR OVERALL 800 MILLION, IS THAT CORRECT? YEAH,  
25 THAT'S CORRECT. SO I THINK -- I JUST WANT TO THANK MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH AND HIS STAFF FOR STICKING TO THIS. I DON'T KNOW  
2 WHAT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTIONS IS TO THIS. BUT THE CURRENT STATUS  
3 OF AFFAIRS AT FIRST FIVE IS UNACCEPTABLE. AND IF THIS WAS  
4 SOMETHING THAT WAS BEING DONE HERE, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE  
5 TO ANY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD. THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, THE  
6 LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY, THE LACK OF COMPETITION IN PROPOSALS,  
7 THE LACK OF INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN THE STAFF AND THE  
8 COMMISSION ITSELF, THESE ARE -- ANY ONE OF THESE THINGS WOULD  
9 BE A BELL AND WHISTLE. AND ALL OF THEM TOGETHER IS A SIREN.  
10 AND I THINK THE ONE THING THAT WE NEED TO DO IS CONFRONT THIS,  
11 BE HONEST ABOUT IT, DEAL WITH THIS BEFORE IT DOES BECOME  
12 SOMETHING WORSE. AND TAKE IT FROM THERE. SO MR. ANTONOVICH, I  
13 JUST, AGAIN, SAY TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF THAT I THINK YOU'VE  
14 DONE A GREAT SERVICE TO EVERYONE, AND ESPECIALLY, I HOPE, IN  
15 THE LONG RUN THE KIDS WHO WE SERVE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SO MOVE AND SUPERVISOR MARK  
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED. CALL THE ROLL.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS.

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1     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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3     **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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5     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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7     **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9     **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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11    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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13    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE, SO ORDERED.

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15    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION CARRIES.

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17    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU FOR THE AUDIT. OKAY, NEXT

18    ITEM. LET'S DO THE ADJOURNMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE

19    ADJOURN FOR ALL MEMBERS ON THIS MOTION GARY GROSS, OUR COUNTY

20    COUNSEL PRINCIPAL DEPUTY PASSED AWAY OCTOBER 19 PRESIDING OUR

21    CASE IN COURT. HE WAS A D.C.F.S. COURT OFFICER AND HE IS

22    SURVIVED BY -- EXCUSE ME, HE WAS COUNTY COUNSEL. HE IS

23    SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LANI, WHO IS A D.C.F.S. COURT OFFICER,

24    AND THEIR CHILD, TALIA. JOHN A. OLSON, AN OLD-TIME FRIEND,

25    PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90, LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICE



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1 DEPARTMENT RETIRED, VERY FINE MAN, COMMUNITY LEADER IN  
2 BURBANK. HE LEAVES BEHIND HIS THREE DAUGHTERS, SANDRA CHILDS,  
3 SUSAN LEE AND SUNNY JANE. RHODA-MAY ADAMSON DALLAS PASSED AWAY  
4 AT THE AGE OF 94. SHE WAS THE FIRST ADOHR-ABLE BABY MODEL IN  
5 THE ADS FOR ADOHR FARMS. FIRST ONE. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
6 OF 94. SO YOU COULD SEE HOW OLD SHE WAS AT THE TIME. SHE WAS  
7 FIVE WHEN THEY DID THAT. IN IN 1968, SHE AND HER SIBLINGS  
8 DONATED 138 ACRES OF UNDEVELOPED LAND THAT ENABLED PEPPERDINE  
9 UNIVERSITY TO BE ESTABLISHED OVERLOOKING THE PACIFIC. SHE'S  
10 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, HER SISTER, GRANDCHILDREN, AND GREAT  
11 GRANDCHILDREN. DR. LOIS NEIL-SAMBAR PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
12 76. FORMER GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF  
13 SECONDARY CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION AND PRINCIPAL AT ROSEMONT  
14 MIDDLE SCHOOL. SHE WAS NAMED WOMAN OF THE YEAR IN 2001 BY THE  
15 CRESCENTA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
16 HUSBAND, CHUCK, AND THEIR SONS, WILLIAMS AND RICHARD. EISLEY  
17 MAE WINTER PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 16 AT THE AGE OF THREE YEARS  
18 AND 15 DAYS. SHE WAS THE GRANDDAUGHTER OF LONGTIME VALVERDE  
19 COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER AND WEST RANCH TOWN COUNCIL  
20 MEMBER, RANDALL WINTER. EISLEY IS SURVIVED BY HER PARENTS,  
21 SCOTT AND STEPHANIE; AND HER GRANDPARENTS, RANDALL AND GAIL  
22 AND STEVE AND DEBBY HAZEN. CLARENCE "SONNY" SHELTER. PASSED  
23 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. VETERAN OF KOREAN WAR AND INVOLVED IN  
24 MANY COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN LLANO, WHERE HE RESIDED. AND  
25 JAMES ROBERT PLOTKIN. PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 20. HE WAS





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1 INVOLVED WITH THE PASADENA MANAGEMENT DISTRICT CHAMBER OF  
2 COMMERCE AND THE PASADENA MUSEUM OF HISTORY WHERE, HE WORKED  
3 TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY, BEAUTY AND VIBRANCY OF THE DOWNTOWN  
4 PASADENA AREA. AND HE WAS A DEVELOPER IN OLD PASADENA AND  
5 RENOVATED MANY OF THE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS. ROBERT BURMAN  
6 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 85, ARCHITECT. HE DESIGNED MORE THAN  
7 85 CHURCHES ON THE WEST COAST AND HE SERVED AS A COMMISSIONER  
8 FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT OF GLENDALE BETWEEN 1979 AND 1984.  
9 RONALD EISMAN, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. AND RAMON SOLIZ GUTIERREZ,  
11 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE WAS BORN IN CHIHUAHUA,  
12 MEXICO. HE EMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1958. WAS A 50  
13 YEAR RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND LEAVES HIS WIFE,  
14 CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SECONDED BY  
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND THEN NEW  
16 TECHNOLOGIES ARE RAPIDLY EMERGING THAT PROVIDE IMMEDIATE  
17 ACCESS TO DETAILED INFORMATION FROM COMPUTERS AND MOBILE  
18 DEVICES WHILE MANY COUNTY DEPARTMENTS HAVE IMPROVED WEB ACCESS  
19 AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S MULTIMEDIA CABLE AND  
20 TELECOMMUNICATIONS EDITION IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A NEW  
21 INTEGRATED COUNTYWIDE SITE TO ENSURE THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THE  
22 MOST CRUCIAL, CURRENT USER FRIENDLY SYSTEM TO ACCESS AND  
23 FULFILL THEIR SERVICE REQUESTS. THE SYSTEM SHOULD ALLOW BASIC  
24 REQUESTS TO BE DIRECTED TO THE APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT WITHIN  
25 THE COUNTY WITH CLEAR INSTRUCTIONS OUTLINING STEPS NEEDED TO



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1 COMPLETE THE REQUESTS. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT  
2 THE QUALITY OF PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION TO REPORT BACK IN 30  
3 DAYS WITH A PLAN TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING SOLUTIONS TO COUNTY  
4 DEPARTMENTS CURRENTLY WORKING ON A SINGLE COUNTY WEB ACCESS  
5 POINT. UTILIZATION OF THIS TECHNOLOGY WOULD PROVIDE THE  
6 ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANY DEPARTMENT AND MINIMIZE  
7 TRAVEL, IMPROVE QUALITY OF SERVICE, ENHANCE THE PRODUCTIVITY  
8 OF THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE WHILE REDUCING COSTS AND ENHANCING  
9 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. SO THIS IS A REPORT BACK. SECONDED  
10 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR  
11 MOLINA DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS? GLORIA, ANY  
12 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
15 ADJOURN IN THE NAME OF CONGRESSMAN MARTY MARTINEZ, WHO JUST  
16 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. I THINK ALL MEMBERS AS WE ALL KNEW HIM  
17 CERTAINLY AS A COUNCILMAN IN MONTEREY PARK AND LATER A MEMBER  
18 OF THE ASSEMBLY. THEN HE WENT ON TO THE CONGRESS. I THINK HE  
19 WAS ALWAYS PROUD OF SERVING IN EAST L.A. AND MOVED ALL THE WAY  
20 UP. AGAIN, AT THE END OF THE DAY, HE WASN'T VERY HAPPY WITH  
21 HIS PARTY, SO HE DID CHANGE FROM DEMOCRAT TO REPUBLICAN. WAS  
22 MY ONLY REGRET WITH HIM. BUT THE REALITY IS THAT HE DID SERVE  
23 HIS COMMUNITY WELL AND HE WAS A HARD WORKER. AND SO I'D LIKE  
24 TO ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. ALL RIGHT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. MAYOR, I HAVE SEVERAL. FIRST I'D LIKE TO  
2    ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMAN CORWIN, LONGTIME  
3    RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT AND ONE OF THE MOST  
4    DISTINGUISHED AND INFLUENTIAL DRAMATISTS WHO EMERGED DURING  
5    RADIO'S GOLDEN AGE IN THE 1930S AND 40S WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE  
6    AGE OF 101. NORMAN CORWIN WAS BORN IN BOSTON AND BEGAN HIS  
7    WRITING CAREER AS A CUB REPORTER FOR A LOCAL NEWSPAPER WHILE  
8    STILL A TEENAGER. HE SOON REALIZED THE CREATIVE POTENTIAL OF  
9    THE NEW AND EMERGING TYPE OF MASS COMMUNICATIONS, THE  
10    COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING INDUSTRY, THEN IN ITS INFANCY.  
11    IN LITTLE MORE THAN A DECADE, HE HAD ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS  
12    THE PREMIERE RADIO DRAMATIST OF HIS DAY, COMMANDING NATIONAL  
13    AND EVEN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCES IN THE MILLIONS. IN ADDITION  
14    TO HIS REGULAR WEEKLY SERIES HIS SPECIAL COMMISSIONS LIKE "WE  
15    HOLD THESE TRUTHS" COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
16    BILL OF RIGHTS AND "ON A NOTE OF TRIUMPH" ON 14 AUGUST,  
17    COMMEMORATING THE END OF WORLD WAR II IN EUROPE AND THE  
18    PACIFIC WERE NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN BY THOSE WHO FIRST HEARD  
19    THEM. AND I MIGHT ADD WE HONORED MR. CORWIN HERE ABOUT FIVE OR  
20    SIX YEARS AGO AND LISTENED TO AN EXCERPT OF "ON A NOTE OF  
21    TRIUMPH" THAT OUR SOUND ENGINEER BROADCAST OVER OUR LITTLE  
22    RADIO SYSTEM HERE. HIS PROGRAMS ATTRACTED ALL THE TOP STARS OF  
23    THE DAY, RANGING FROM LIGHT VERSE PLAYS TO PASSIONATE  
24    POLEMICS. HE STRETCHED THE LITERARY BOUNDARIES OF THE NEW  
25    MEDIUM AND CREATED AN INDELIBLE BODY OF WORK. HE IS SURVIVED



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1 BY HIS TWO CHILDREN, ANTHONY AND DIANE; HIS WIFE, KATE; AND  
2 BROTHER, EMIL, WHO PREDECEASED HIM. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF RHODA-MAY ADAMSON DALLAS. RHODA WAS THE HEIRESS OF  
4 THE PIONEERING RINDGE FAMILY OF MALIBU WHO RECENTLY PASSED  
5 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94 AT HER HOME IN STUDIO CITY. HER FAMILY'S  
6 GENEROSITY DONATED THE LAND THAT BECAME THE SITE OF PEPPERDINE  
7 UNIVERSITY'S MALIBU CAMPUS. HER GRANDFATHER, THE BUSINESSMAN  
8 FREDRICK H. RINDGE, HAD PURCHASED A FORMER SPANISH LAND GRANT  
9 IN MALIBU IN 1892 AND DEVELOPED IT INTO A 17,000 ACRE RANCH.  
10 SHE WAS RAISED IN WHAT IS TODAY KNOWN AS THE ADAMSON HOUSE,  
11 WHICH OVERLOOKS THE PACIFIC OCEAN RIGHT OFF OF PACIFIC COAST  
12 HIGHWAY IN MALIBU AND WAS BUILT BY HER PARENTS, MERRITT AND  
13 RHODA ADAMSON IN 1930. TODAY IT'S PART OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
14 PARK SYSTEM KNOWN FOR ITS DISTINCTIVE SPANISH-STYLE DECOR FROM  
15 MALIBU POTTERIES, ONE OF THE FAMILY'S VARIOUS COMMERCIAL  
16 VENTURES. THOSE VENTURES ALSO INCLUDED ADOHR FARMS, THE DAIRY  
17 BUSINESS NAMED FOR HER MOTHER "RHODA," WHICH SPELLED BACKWARDS  
18 BECAME "ADOHR." AFTER HER MOTHER PASSED AWAY IN IN 1962,  
19 RHODA-MAE AND HER TWO SIBLINGS, MERRITT AND SYLVIA, TOOK OVER  
20 THE FAMILY'S REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS AND SIX YEARS LATER IN 1968,  
21 THE FAMILY DONATED 138 ACRES OF FORMER MALIBU RANCH LAND WHICH  
22 BECAME THE NEW PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. SHE IS SURVIVED  
23 BY HER DAUGHTER, JANE; HER SISTER, SYLVIA; SEVEN  
24 GRANDCHILDREN; AND 15 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. STEVEN HALPERN, A  
25 LONGTIME U.C.L.A. HISTORIAN, FORMER STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT,



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1 AND ACTIVE ALUMNUS WHO DIED TRAGICALLY IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT AT  
2 THE AGE OF 61 WHICH ALSO CLAIMED THE LIFE OF HIS MOTHER, BELLE  
3 WHO WAS 90 YEARS OF AGE. HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH U.C.L.A. BEGAN  
4 IN 1968 WHEN HE MOVED WEST FROM NEW YORK. HE QUICKLY BECAME  
5 INVOLVED IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND ROSE TO BECOME STUDENT BODY  
6 PRESIDENT FROM 1972 TO '73. AFTER HIS GRADUATION, HE REMAINED  
7 INVOLVED IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT, CONTINUING TO  
8 MENTOR AND ENCOURAGE FUTURE STUDENT LEADERS. HE WAS ALSO  
9 ACTIVE IN THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT'S ALUMNI GROUP,  
10 ORGANIZING REUNION DINNERS AND MAINTAINING CONTACT AMONG THEIR  
11 MEMBERS. HE WAS NOTED FOR HIS INSTRUMENTAL ROLE IN THE  
12 DEVELOPMENT OF THE U.C.L.A. WOMEN'S INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC  
13 PROGRAM, HELPING TO RECRUIT THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF WOMEN'S  
14 ATHLETICS. AFTER GRADUATION, HE PRACTICED LAW IN NEW YORK AND  
15 CALIFORNIA. AND IN 1987 HE EMBARKED ON A DIFFERENT CAREER  
16 DIRECTION WHEN HE JOINED THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, TOOK A  
17 JOB WITH WALT DISNEY STUDIOS. STEVE HALPERN IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
18 YOUNGER BROTHER, JAN. BEVERLY WEISS WHO IS A LONGTIME RESIDENT  
19 OF MY DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY JUST RECENTLY. SHE IS SURVIVED  
20 BY HER TWO SONS, ANDY AND RICK WEISS. RICK OF COURSE IS A  
21 MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY AS ASSISTANT COUNTY COUNSEL, WHOM  
22 WE ALL KNOW AND WORK WITH. SHE ALSO LEAVES A GRANDSON, BRIAN,  
23 AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. AND THEN  
24 FINALLY I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CONRAD LIBERTY, A  
25 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF EL SEGUNDO. I'M SURE DON MAY HAVE THAT,



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1 TOO. A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY FAMILY AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE  
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIFEGUARD'S ASSOCIATION WHO PASSED AWAY AT  
3 THE AGE OF 69. HE WAS A RETIRED OCEAN LIFEGUARD, COUNTY OCEAN  
4 LIFEGUARD, WHO MADE 43 GOLDEN GATE AND MORE THAN 30 ALCATRAZ  
5 SWIMS. DURING HIS 38-YEAR LIFEGUARD CAREER, SPENT ENTIRELY ON  
6 THE BEACHES OF SANTA MONICA AND WILL ROGERS STATE BEACH, HE  
7 MADE MORE THAN 500 WATER RESCUES. AFTER SWIMMING AND PLAYING  
8 WATER POLO IN JUNIOR COLLEGE, HE JOINED THE DOLPHIN CLUB IN  
9 1965. AT THE TIME HE WAS IN THE NAVY ASSIGNED TO THE CARRIER  
10 U.S.S. RANGER, HOME-PORTED AT ALAMEDA. HE MADE HIS FIRST  
11 GOLDEN GATE SWIM THAT YEAR. IN 1968 HE TOOK PART IN A 30-MILE  
12 RELAY SWIM FROM THE FARALLON ISLANDS TO SAN FRANCISCO.  
13 SWIMMING THE FINAL LEG, HE HAD THE HONOR OF RUNNING ASHORE TO  
14 WIN THE RACE OF HIS TEAM, FOR HIS TEAM. AS A NAVAL WEATHERMAN  
15 FROM 1965 THROUGH '67 HE WAS AWARDED THE VIETNAM SERVICE  
16 MEDAL, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL, AND NAVY UNIT  
17 CITATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARLA; DAUGHTER, KARENA;  
18 AND SON, ERIC; AND FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING  
19 MOTIONS. ALL MEMBERS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. YES, I DID WANT TO JOIN IN  
24 ON THE ADJOURNMENT FOR CONRAD. GREAT GUY. DID AN INCREDIBLE  
25 JOB WHEN HE WAS PRESIDENT OF L.A.C.O.L.A. AND WAS A LIFEGUARD





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1 AT HEART. HE'LL BE MISSED BY ALL OF US. AND OUR THOUGHTS AND  
2 PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS FAMILY. ALSO I BELIEVE ALL MEMBERS ON  
3 THIS, AS WELL. THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN LARSON, OUR  
4 FORMER COUNTY COUNSEL.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** HE WAS CHAIR OF THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICE  
9 COMMISSION AS WELL. HE WAS ALSO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBER  
10 IN THE CITY OF A SEAL BEACH. MEMBER OF THE PLANNING  
11 COMMISSION. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. HE IS SURVIVED BY  
12 HIS WIFE, LOUISE; TWO DAUGHTERS, LORETTA AND KAREN; TWO  
13 GRANDSONS, BROCK AND CODY. AND OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT TO JOHN'S  
14 FAMILY. THEN FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BOB BEALL,  
15 WHO WAS BORN IN SAN FRANCISCO AND PASSED AWAY ON OCTOBER 5. HE  
16 WAS 75. HE WAS EMPLOYED BY A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR  
17 30 YEARS. HE WAS THE FOUNDING PRINCIPAL OF WHITNEY HIGH  
18 SCHOOL, WHICH IS THE NATIONALLY-RECOGNIZED SCHOOL OF  
19 EXCELLENCE AND CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL WHICH WAS THE  
20 HIGHLIGHT OF HIS EDUCATIONAL CAREER. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE  
21 INSPIRATION TO STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ALUMNI AND TO ALL OF US  
22 IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54  
23 YEARS, JERRY; TWO SONS, ROBERT AND RICK; DAUGHTER-IN-LAWS  
24 JULIE AND SUSAN; SIX GRANDCHILDREN. SO OUR THOUGHTS ARE TO THE  
25 BEALL FAMILY, AS WELL. AND HE DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB THERE AT





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1 WHITNEY HIGH SCHOOL AND A.B.C. UNIFIED. THOSE ARE MY  
2 ADJOURNMENTS. SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE  
3 WILL CALL UP MR. PREVEN, MR. SACHS, MISS RAMIREZ, MR. JOHNSON.  
4 OKAY. THESE ARE FOR MR. PREVEN, 10, 11, 13, 14 AND CS-2. AND  
5 MISS RAMIREZ WOULD BE S-1 AND NO. 7. AND MR. JOHNSON WOULD BE  
6 NO. 14. AND MR. SACHS IS 7, 13, 15-A AND CS-5. CS-4. CS-4. MR.  
7 PREVEN?

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9 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY  
10 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. SUPERVISOR KNABE, ON ITEM NO. 10, WE  
11 GOT A CONTRACT, A GOVERNMENT CONTRACT TO AN ELECTRICAL OUTFIT  
12 CALLED MOORE ELECTRIC. AND SOMETHING HAPPENED IN APRIL, I  
13 DON'T KNOW WHAT THOSE GUYS HAVE PULLED OUT, THEY GOT ANOTHER  
14 GUY WHO WAS ON THE PROJECT GOING TO TAKE OVER. WHAT IT  
15 REVEALED TO ME AS A RESIDENT WAS SOME OF THESE CONTRACTS THAT  
16 GO OUT TO AN OUTFIT LIKE MOORE ELECTRIC ACTUALLY HAVE A LOT OF  
17 SUBCONTRACTING GOING ON. AND WE DON'T REALLY HEAR ABOUT THAT  
18 IN THOSE INITIAL PROPOSALS. AND I KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING TO  
19 POLICE THESE PUBLIC WORK AGREEMENTS. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE,  
20 I MEAN FIRST OF ALL MY RESPECTS IF SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED TO  
21 THE MOORE COMPANY. I DON'T KNOW THAT -- I COULDN'T GET ALL THE  
22 INFORMATION OBVIOUSLY BUT THAT WAS MY CONCERN ABOUT ITEM NO.  
23 10. AND THIS IS BY THE WAY FOR INSTRUMENTATION AND SENSORS  
24 THAT ARE GOING TO PUT INTO SOME KIND OF WATER INTRUSION  
25 CONCERN IN OUR WATER DISTRICT, IN ONE OF THE WATER DISTRICTS.



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1 ITEM 11 IS A LAWSUIT IN WHICH THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH  
2 DEPARTMENT WAS SUBJECT TO SOME DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION  
3 LAWSUIT WHICH RESULTED IN RETALIATION. AND WE'RE GOING TO  
4 SETTLE IT FOR 135 GRAND. NOW MS. MOLINA, I KNOW YOU'RE THE  
5 RISK MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST ON THIS STUFF. I THINK THAT'S GREAT  
6 THAT THEY'VE COME TO A RESOLUTION. BUT THERE'S NO CORRECTIVE  
7 ACTION PLAN ATTACHED TO THIS ITEM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE  
8 DOING TO MAKE IT DIFFERENT. IT'S LIKE MR. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
9 THOMAS AND I HAVE DISCUSSED THE HOXIE SMITH CASE WHERE THESE  
10 GUYS WERE ROUGHED UP. I SAW THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ON THAT  
11 ONE. AND THE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN SAID WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING  
12 WRONG. WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING WRONG. WE'VE GOT POLICIES IN  
13 PLACE. AND YET AS WE HEARD FROM THE JAIL GUYS LAST WEEK, WE DO  
14 HAVE PROBLEMS. AND I THINK THAT THIS STEMS, MR. FUJIOKA, FROM  
15 THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S DESIRE TO CLOSE DOWN INFORMATION ABOUT  
16 THESE MATTERS AND TO REDUCE LIABILITY AND WHAT WE SEE IS THE  
17 ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE IS DRAMATICALLY --

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MISS RAMIREZ?

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21 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** S-1. YOUR PROGRESS OF YOUR HOSPITAL OPERATION  
22 STATUS AND THE ISSUES RELATING TO THE TRANSITION TO NEW L.A.  
23 COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER IS DOOMED FROM THE START. WHY? BECAUSE  
24 YOU STILL HAVE THE SAME INCOMPETENT AND INEFFICIENT AND INEPT  
25 AND LAZY EMPLOYEES AND YOU HAVE AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF COUNTY



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1 EMPLOYEE CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS, FREE-LOADING GANG BANGERS  
2 AND CHANGE GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM. I.E., EAST L.A. SHERIFF'S  
3 DEPARTMENT. YOU'RE CUTTING CORNERS WITH CHEAP AND UNSKILLED  
4 LABORERS. FURTHERMORE, THESE COUNTY FILTHY EMPLOYEES DO NOT  
5 PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING: NO SERVICE, NO ETHICS, NO STRUCTURE, NO  
6 DID DISCIPLINE NO CLEANLINESS NO HYGIENE, NON-RESPONSIVENESS,  
7 NO MORALS, NO VALUES, NO INTEGRITY, NO DISCRETION, NO  
8 CONFIDENTIALITY, NO POLITENESS, AND NO HUMAN DIGNITY.  
9 MOREOVER, THESE LAZY ILLEGAL GANG BANGERS IN HOSPITALS.  
10 HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT HAVE TRANSFERRED AND VENOMOUSLY SPREAD  
11 THE FOLLOWING HIGHLY COMMUNICABLE AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES  
12 BECAUSE THEY TOO ARE CARRIERS WHICH ARE: M.R.S.A., BED BUGS,  
13 TUBERCULOSIS, SWINE FLU, SCABIES AND DEADLIER AND MORE  
14 VIRULENT STAPH INFECTION STRAINS. STOP HIRING THESE CRIMINAL  
15 ILLEGAL ALIENS AND GANG BANGERS AND HIRE MILITARY. ITEM 7. ON  
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S FOLLOWING ACTION TAKEN REGARDING THE  
17 PHYSICIAN SERVICES WITHIN THE CONFINES OF EMERGENCY ROOMS FOR  
18 INDIGENT PROGRAMS, MAKE TWO CATEGORIES. FROM THESE TWO  
19 CATEGORIES, SELECT ONE, SELECT THOSE WHO ARE LEGAL VERSUS  
20 ILLEGAL AND GANG BANGERS. IT'S NOT HARD TO TELL. THEN PROVIDE  
21 EXCELLENT SERVICES FOR INDIGENT LEGAL PATIENTS WHICH INCLUDE  
22 MILITARY VETERANS, PILOTS THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES AND LEGAL  
23 LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. CONVERSELY, THEN GO TO THE ILLEGAL  
24 CRIMINAL ALIENS AND GANG BANGERS WHO ARE INDIGENT ILLEGALS,  
25 DEPORT, DEPORT. IF THEY ARE IN URGENT NEED OF OUR SERVICES



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1 SUCH AS GUNSHOT WOUNDS, CHECK TO SEE IF THEY ARE FROM THE  
2 FELLOW GANG MEMBERS OR FROM A RIVAL GANG MEMBER OR GANG MEMBER  
3 FRIENDLY FIRE. SO LET THEIR FAMILIES ABSORB ALL MEDICAL COSTS  
4 IN AMBULANCE, POLICE, FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
5 COSTS. REPORT THIS TO THE COUNTY WELFARE AND REMOVE THEM FROM  
6 ANY WELFARE MEDICAL FINANCIAL FREE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE. THANK  
7 YOU VERY MUCH.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. JOHNSON. EXCUSE ME ONE  
10 MOMENT. MR. PATRICK O'ROURKE. PATRICK O'ROURKE. MR. JOHNSON?

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12 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE  
13 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR. I SPEAK FOR  
14 CULTURAL CHANGE. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS OPPOSED TO  
15 THIS DISCUSSION ON THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT. AMERICA WILL BE A  
16 MUCH BETTER COUNTRY, LAND TO LIVE ON IF WE CAN LIVE BY THE  
17 CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNS US. OUR CONSTITUTION SAYS SEPARATE  
18 BUT EQUAL. THE SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD BE A BLACK MAN,  
19 SHOULD BE THE SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES. AND ALL THE DEPUTIES  
20 THAT'S INVOLVED IN THE PENAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE BLACK  
21 DEPUTIES UNDER HIS AUTHORITY. BUT WE FIND TODAY THIS IS THE  
22 OTHER WAY AROUND. BUT, ANYWAY, WE SHOULD HAVE AN ETHICS  
23 COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WHICH WAY THE TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE  
24 BEING SPENT WITH THIS NEW DEVELOPMENT INSIDE DETENTION CENTERS  
25 AND MANY OF THOSE COMPOUNDS WHERE THE INMATES LIVES ON. AND WE



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1 SHOULD BRING SOME TYPE OF EDUCATION AND SOME TYPE OF PROPER  
2 EDUCATION AND PROPER SKILLS TO THE INMATES AND DON'T LET THEM  
3 JUST LAY AND DON'T DO MAKE THEIR TIME OF ANY VALUE. AND ON THE  
4 OUTSIDE, OF COURSE, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE WHAT OUR FOUNDING  
5 FATHERS LEFT US, THE FREE ENTERPRISE. FREE ENTERPRISE THAT THE  
6 CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHTS TO FORM THEIR OWN BUSINESS AND SHOULD  
7 NOT BE REGULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT. IN SOME TYPE OF WAY  
8 CITIZENS SHOULD UNITE AND FORM A MERGE, AND FORM SOMETHING  
9 LIKE A CO-OP AND HAVE COLLECTIVE BUYING AND MAKE A DIFFERENT  
10 MANUFACTURING AND HAVE PROFIT SHARING AND LET THE EMPLOYEES BE  
11 A PART OF THE DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE INSTEAD OF JUST BOARD  
12 OF DIRECTORS. AND FOR THE RETIREMENT, EMPLOYEES SHOULD RECEIVE  
13 90 PERCENT OF THEIR MONTHLY WAGES INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT THING  
14 THAT WE ARE RECEIVING TODAY AS SOCIAL SECURITY ACT. THAT WAS  
15 MADE TO FOOL US AND TRICK US AND TO LEAVE OUR SOVEREIGNTY AND  
16 MAKE US SLAVE HOLD OTHERS THE CORPORATE OF AMERICA. WE NEED A  
17 BETTER GOVERNMENT, A GOVERNMENT THAT RESPECTS THE RIGHTS OF  
18 ALL PEOPLE. LET'S UNITE AND WORK FOR THE COMMON GOOD FOR ALL  
19 MANKIND.

20  
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. MR. SACHS?

22  
23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I  
24 WANTED TO ADDRESS NO. 7, RECOMMENDATION SUBMITTED BY  
25 SUPERVISOR KNABE REGARDING THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND



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1 THE PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR INDIGENTS PROGRAM. I WAS CONCERNED  
2 ON PARAGRAPH 2, IT SAYS HERE DIRECTOR'S ACTION MUST BE HIGHLY  
3 TRANSPARENT TO THE BOARD, IMPACTED PHYSICIANS, HOSPITALS AND  
4 THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WOULD THAT BE HIGHLY TRANSPARENT AS  
5 OPPOSED TO LOWLY TRANSPARENT? I MEAN, THE BOARD'S SETTING THE  
6 STANDARDS HERE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE SETTING THE  
7 STANDARDS ON TRANSPARENCY? THAT'S ALMOST RIDICULOUS.  
8 FURTHERMORE IT SAYS HE WANTS A COUNTY OF URGENCY MEDICAL  
9 SERVICES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A FULL POSTMORTEM. HERE'S ONE.  
10 THE OPERATION WAS A SUCCESS; THE PATIENT DIED. WHY IT TOOK SO  
11 LONG TO BE DETECTED AND REPORTED ABOUT MEDICAL SHORTFALLS.  
12 WHILE THAT'S BEING DONE, CAN YOU ALSO FIND OUT WHY THE HAND-  
13 HELD DEVICES FOR THE D.C.F.S. THAT WERE PURCHASED WERE NEVER  
14 PUT INTO USE AND WHY IT TOOK SO LONG FOR THAT? HOW ABOUT THE  
15 CAMERAS AT THE COUNTY JAILS THAT WERE BOUGHT AND ARE STILL  
16 LYING ON THE DESKS, WHY THEY WERE NEVER IMPLEMENTED? AND THE  
17 ASSESSOR'S FAILURE TO UPDATE THE PROPERTY TAX ROLL AS PROVIDED  
18 IN THE L.A. TIMES STORY ON THE SALE OF CORPORATE PROPERTIES.  
19 COULD YOU ALSO DO POST MORTEM ON THOSE?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OBVIOUSLY YOU DIDN'T READ THE  
22 CORRECTION WHERE THEY WERE WRONG. THE L.A. TIMES WAS INCORRECT  
23 ON THAT. BUT NEXT TIME BE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR FACTS CORRECT.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY TIME.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE MAKER OF THE MOTION FOR THE L.A. TO PASADENA  
5 BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. THAT WAS A FACT. THE BOND  
6 ANTICIPATION NOTES--

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** GOOD MOTION.

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10 **ARNOLD SACHS:** --THAT YOU WANT TO ISSUE, THE CITY OF L.A. HAS A  
11 PROBLEM WITH SOME BONDS AND THEY'RE TALKING WITH THESE 1  
12 PERCENTERS. I DON'T SEE ANY 1 PERCENTERS HERE IN YOUR FACTS  
13 WITH THE BANKS. 15-A 9 BILLION PLUS FOR SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS  
14 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS FOR THE  
15 COUNTY, SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS FOR M.T.A., SHOVEL-READY --

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. O'ROURKE.

18

19 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** HELLO MY NAME IS PATRICK ARTHUR O'ROURKE,  
20 AND I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE FACT THAT I JUST RECENTLY HEARD  
21 THAT A GRAND JURY TRIAL HAD CONVENED AND WAS FINALIZED. I HAVE  
22 BEEN COMING TO THIS COURT -- I MEAN TO THIS PODIUM FOR WELL  
23 OVER A YEAR, ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF, REGARDING ALLEGATIONS OF  
24 ABUSE OF POWER, ABUSE OF MY CIVIL RIGHTS, WHAT DO YOU CALL IT?  
25 ABUSE, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL ABUSE INCLUDING WHAT DO YOU CALL





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1 IT? MALPRACTICE IN MEDICINE AND IN PRACTICE IN LAW OF  
2 ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT BY D.C.F.S. OFFICES. I AM DEEPLY  
3 CONCERNED AND DISMAYED THAT THIS BOARD NEVER REFERRED ME TO  
4 THE PRESIDING PROSECUTOR IN THAT CASE SINCE MY ALLEGATIONS ARE  
5 THAT MY CHILD WAS ILLEGALLY EXPOSED TO AN ABILIFY, SERAQUIL,  
6 PAXIL, AMONG OTHER DRUGS THAT WERE BANNED BY THE F.D.A. MY  
7 WIFE WAS THREATENED AND COERCED ON THREAT OF LOSING HER  
8 DISABILITY PAYMENTS, AND I WAS GIVEN FALSE ALLEGATIONS. I  
9 SUBMITTED TO ZEV YAROSLAVSKY IF HE CAN GO AHEAD AND LISTEN TO  
10 THIS REAL QUICK TO REGINA DOCUMENTS PROVING THIS. DOCUMENTS  
11 WHICH SHOW THAT NURSES WHO HAD NEVER SHOWN UP AT THE DOCTOR'S  
12 OFFICE WERE NOT ON THE PATIENT'S LIST OF MY WIFE GAVE  
13 TESTIMONY CONDEMNING ME AND MY WIFE WHERE THEY NEVER WERE ON  
14 MY WIFE'S LIST OF DOCTORS. INCLUDING THE FACT THAT MY  
15 DISABILITY WAS INTENTIONALLY MISDIAGNOSED, THAT MY WIFE WAS  
16 CONTINUING TO GO AHEAD AND BE LISTED AT A PATIENT AT EDELMAN  
17 WEST SIDE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE  
18 EMPLOYEES THERE. I ASK THAT MY RIGHTS AS A PARENT BE  
19 REINSTATED, THAT MY RIGHT TO VISIT MY CHILD BE REINSTATED AND  
20 THAT THIS CASE BE HONESTLY AND OPENLY EVALUATED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. O'ROURKE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ITEM NO.  
25 5, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU: ITEM NO. 5, ITEM NO. 7.



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1 THIS IS ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S SUBSTITUTE MOTION WHICH IS ON  
2 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM NO. 10, 11, 13. ON ITEM NO. 14,  
3 THERE'S A REQUEST TO CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK. ITEM 15-A. AND ON  
4 ITEM S-1 IS A RECEIVE AND FILE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
7 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PUBLIC COMMENT? MAE SHELTON, IRENE  
12 PANG. PATRICIA NIX. MR. JOHNSON, OSCAR JOHNSON.

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14 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** YES. MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE  
15 OPPRESSED. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR. I SPEAK FOR  
16 CULTURAL CHANGE. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE MOST HIGH GOD FOR  
17 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. THANK GOD FOR THE OBAMA FAMILY. I'D  
18 LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND DOMESTIC.  
19 BUT, ANYWAY, WE SHOULD REMOVE THE WHITE FEMALES AND THEIR  
20 CHILDREN FROM DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES FROM SLEEPING ON THE  
21 SIDEWALKS WITH THE HOMELESS. WE SHOULD MOVE THE BLACK FEMALES  
22 AND THEIR CHILDREN FROM SLEEPING DOWNTOWN ON THE SIDEWALK.  
23 AMERICA HAS TOO MUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO BE LIVING THE  
24 LIFESTYLE AS WE'RE LIVING TODAY. WE DID NOT CARE ABOUT THE  
25 OPPRESSED PEOPLE OF AMERICA TODAY. AMERICA HAS WORSHIP OF



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1 FALSE DEITY OF EVIL AND WICKEDNESS THAT HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT THE  
2 CURSE OF AMERICA. AND THE CURSE HAVE BROUGHT IN THE DOOMS OF  
3 AMERICA. AMERICA IS A LAND OF ECONOMIC EXPLOITS,  
4 COMMERCIALISM. WE SEE THE NEW DAY TURKEY DAY IS COMING UP. THE  
5 POULTRY INDUSTRY BENEFITS PROFIT OVER \$1 BILLION ANNUALLY FOR  
6 SELLING TURKEY IN AMERICA. AND THE TURKEY IS SOMETHING UNCLEAN  
7 TO EAT. IT IS UNTAMED. AND CHICKEN, IT EATS IT'S OWN WASTE.  
8 AND THE TURKEY COMES FROM THE FOWL FAMILY, THE VULTURE, THE  
9 BUZZARD, THE TURKEY AND THE CHICKEN. CONSUMERS HAVE -- AMERICA  
10 SHOULD HAVE BETTER CONSUMER RIGHTS. WE SHOULD PROTECT THE  
11 CONSUMER FAR BETTER IN AMERICA THAN WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY. WE  
12 NEED SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. WE NEED MORAL RESPONSIBILITY. THE  
13 MORAL OF AMERICA HALF DECADE. WE SHOULD HAVE SET MORAL VALUE.  
14 WE CANNOT -- EVERYTHING IS BUILT UPON A MORAL FOUNDATION.  
15 UNITED, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. JOHNSON. LET ME ALSO  
18 CALL UP BIBIANA VIERNES, AND ROSALINA GATILLA. YES, MISS PANG.

19

20 **IRENE PANG:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M IRENE PANG. TO  
21 PROTECT THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE GOVERNMENT COUNTY  
22 AND NATION AND TAKING ACTION AND ACCESSORY. ONE, THE NEED THE  
23 MATERIALS AND SUBSTANCE IN THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC FACILITY.  
24 TWO, DISTINGUISH THIS SITUATION BETWEEN THE CAUSE OF THE  
25 ACTION OF THE PARKING TICKETS AND DISTINGUISH COURSE OF ACTION



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1 OVER ANY VIOLATION. AND CONSIDERATION THE VIOLATION FORCE HAVE  
2 BEEN USED. THREE. A CREATING OF A -- IS IMPORTANT OF THE  
3 JUSTICE SYSTEM AND THE ECONOMY OF THE COUNTY AND NATION OF THE  
4 UNITED STATES. FOUR, I BELIEVE THE MENTAL PATIENTS CANNOT  
5 SELF-CARE EVEN THOUGH THEY CAN SELF-CARE, HOW ABOUT TAKING ANY  
6 RESEARCH IN THE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE NATION'S DEFENSE AND ENERGY  
7 AND TRANSPORTATION. HOW DO YOU THINK IN YOUR KNOWLEDGE? THANK  
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP AN  
11 ALICIA MENGIVAR. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **PATRICIA NIX:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 PATRICIA NIX. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO YOU TODAY ABOUT THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THE PROGRAMS OF  
17 CALWORKS, FOSTER CARE. THESE TWO PROGRAMS REALLY NEED TO BE  
18 REVIEWED. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A POLICY OF THE COUNTY  
19 TO REVIEW THE PLANS THAT YOU HAVE IN PLACE FOR THE CALWORKS  
20 60-MONTH LIMIT. AND I REALLY THINK IT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED.  
21 I'M A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND L.A. COUNTY. AND I HAVE BEEN  
22 IN AND OUT OF THE SYSTEM FOR SEVERAL YEARS. BUT THE PLANS ARE  
23 NOT GETTING THE JOBS TO THE WELFARE RECIPIENTS. THE JOBS ARE  
24 GOING TO PRIVATE SECTORS, THE OUTER SKIRTS OF THE SUPPORT  
25 GROUPS THAT HAVE TO DEAL WITH WELFARE RECIPIENTS. FOSTER CARE



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1 IS A CRISIS PROGRAM WHEN FAMILIES ARE SEPARATED. I THOUGHT  
2 THAT CALWORKS WAS TO HELP FAMILIES STAY TOGETHER AND GET THEM  
3 JOBS SO THEY CAN SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES. BUT FOSTER CARE,  
4 KINSHIP CARE ARE ALL PERIPHERAL JOBS THAT THE WELFARE  
5 RECIPIENTS ARE NOT WORKING. EVERYBODY'S WORKING BUT US. I  
6 REALLY WOULD LIKE TO HELP YOU AS A RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY AND  
7 LOS ANGELES TO HELP YOU TO MAKE A BETTER PLAN FOR CALWORKS OR  
8 FOR A.B.C. FAMILIES SO THAT OUR FAMILIES DON'T HAVE TO BE  
9 SEPARATED. FOSTER CARE IS GOOD, BUT IT'S ALL EMERGENCY AND  
10 IT'S CRISIS BASIS. YOU WANT US TO BE PROGRESSIVE, DON'T USE  
11 MONEY TO SPEND FOR A CRISIS. USE MONEY TO HELP US PROGRESS.  
12 AND I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT TO YOU A REPORT AND I REALLY  
13 WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH YOU. I HAVE SOME GREAT IDEAS FOR YOU  
14 BECAUSE I'M A RECIPIENT. I KNOW WHAT WE NEED AS WELL AS MANY  
15 OTHER WELFARE RECIPIENTS. LET US HELP YOU HELP US. THANK YOU.  
16 BYE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WOULD SUGGEST YOU MAKE THAT REPORT  
19 AND SUBMIT IT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.

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21 **PATRICIA NIX:** YES, SIR.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LILIA  
24 SHIMANOV.

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1 **BIBIANA VIERNES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DIRECTOR. I AM BIBIANA  
2 VIERNES, 86 YEARS OLD. I BELONG TO SILVER LAKE ADULT DAY  
3 HEALTHCARE CENTER. AT THE CENTER WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED NOW AND  
4 AGAIN THAT THERE IS A PLAN AND A MOVE TO CLOSE THAT ADULT DAY  
5 HEALTHCARE CENTER. WE ARE APPEALING THAT THESE CENTERS SHOULD  
6 NOT BE CLOSED, BECAUSE WE NEED THESE CENTERS. THE SENIORS  
7 CONSIDER THE CENTERS A SECOND HOME. IT IS WHERE WE ARE TAKEN  
8 CARE OF PHYSICALLY, MORALLY AND MENTALLY. THE DAY HEALTHCARE  
9 CENTER IS OUR REFUGE, OUR HAVEN. PLEASE HELP US IN THE WISH  
10 THAT THESE CENTERS SHOULD NOT BE CLOSED. WE HAVE DONE SOME  
11 THINGS TO DO TO PLEAD THAT THE CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED. WE HAVE  
12 HAD RALLIES. WE HAVE CALLED SOME REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS  
13 TO HELP US IN THIS CAUSE. PLEASE HELP US, TOO. THERE ARE TWO  
14 NEWS THAT WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOU. THE DIRECTOR, I MEAN THE  
15 L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN OUR  
16 CENTER THAT YOU HAVE -- THAT YOU ARE IN CHARGE OF APPROVING  
17 THE BUDGET FOR MENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH. THAT IS VERY GOOD  
18 NEWS TO US BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A GREAT SAY IN SAVING  
19 OUR DAY HEALTHCARE CENTER. THE NEXT NEWS THAT WE HAVE ABOUT  
20 YOU IS A PROMISE OF THE BOARD --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOU WANT TO WRAP UP?

23

24 **BIBIANA VIERNES:** TO FUND THE A.D.H., THE ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE  
25 CENTER. WE ARE HERE THEREFORE TO APPEAL TO BEG, TO ASK, TO



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1 PRAY FOR YOU THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR PROMISE COME TRUE. THAT  
2 WILL BE A GREAT HELP TO OUR ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE CENTER.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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6 **BIBIANA VIERNES:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **ROSALINA GATILA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M ROSALINA GATILA OF SILVER  
11 LAKE CENTER, TOO, ADULT HEALTHCARE CENTER. EVER SINCE I HEARD  
12 THIS ISSUE ABOUT CLOSING THE SILVER LAKE ADULT ADULT  
13 HEALTHCARE CENTER, I HAVE BEEN THINKING A LOT, WHAT WILL WE  
14 DO? AT HOME? WE WILL BE BORED, DEPRESSED AND THINKING OF OUR  
15 ILLNESSES. SO WE JUST SIT AND WATCH T.V., WHILE HERE IN OUR  
16 CENTER, WE HAVE PHYSICAL EXERCISES AND ALSO EXERCISING OUR--  
17 WE HAVE SOCIALIZING, EXERCISING ENHANCING OUR MINDS SO THAT WE  
18 WILL NOT HAVE ALZHEIMER'S. SO SILVER LAKE ADULT HEALTHCARE IS  
19 A LOT OF HELP TO US. AND WHILE WE'RE IN OUR HOME, WE ARE JUST  
20 WAITING FOR OUR DEATH. SO PLEASE HELP US. SAVE ADULT  
21 HEALTHCARE CENTER, SILVER LAKE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE THING I'VE BEEN APPRISED. THIS IS  
24 A STATE REDUCTION, NOT A COUNTY. THE STATE IS MAKING THE CUTS,  
25 NOT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO IT'S FROM THE GOVERNOR AND





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1 YOUR STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER AND STATE SENATE MEMBER ARE THE  
2 THREE REPRESENTATIVES THAT ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH IT, THAT  
3 ITEM.

4

5 **ROSALINA GATILA:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** HI, MY NAME IS AN ALICIA. I AM A REGISTERED  
10 NURSE. I WORK FOR DAYLIGHT, WHICH IS AN ADULT DAYCARE IN LOS  
11 ANGELES. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT MANY VOICES OF FRUSTRATION,  
12 SADNESS, KNOWING THAT WE'RE ON THE VERGE OF CLOSING OUR  
13 CENTERS TO THESE SENIORS AND MENTAL POPULATION. TO BE A SENIOR  
14 IS A RIGHT AND AN HONOR OR PRIVILEGE. I SEE A LOT OF SENIORS  
15 ON THIS PANEL HERE. YOU GUYS, ALL OF YOU GUYS ARE VERY  
16 FORTUNATE TO HAVE A JOB AND TO HAVE THE MENTAL CAPACITY THAT  
17 YOU HAVE. BUT OUR SENIORS THAT WE HAVE DON'T HAVE THAT.  
18 THEY'RE LOW INCOME. THEY'RE FORGETFUL. THEY NEED US. WE ARE  
19 THERE FOR THEM. MOST OF THEM, THE MAJORITY OF THEM LIVE ALONE.  
20 THEY DON'T HAVE FAMILIES. WE ARE EVERYTHING THAT THEY HAVE. WE  
21 NEED TO KEEP THESE CENTERS OPEN. THERE IS NO OTHER PROGRAM  
22 LIKE US. WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO GO? WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO  
23 DO? WE PROVIDE MEALS FOR THEM. YOU KNOW WHEN THEY GO HOME,  
24 THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING. THEY DON'T HAVE NO ONE TO COOK FOR  
25 THEM. WE ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH



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1 FOR THEM. WE PROVIDE PHYSICAL THERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.  
2 L.C.S.W., WE HAVE. WE HAVE MANY, MANY, MANY THINGS THAT WE  
3 PROVIDE FOR OUR SENIORS. FAMILIES ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED.  
4 WHAT ARE THEY GOING TO DO? YOU KNOW, WE TAKE CARE OF THESE  
5 PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE AT WORK. SO I'M HERE TO PLEAD TO KEEP  
6 OUR CENTERS OPEN. PLEASE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP GEORGE MCFARLAND  
9 AND NINA NICKLAS?

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE TO ASK A QUESTION.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID THE ASSEMBLYMAN SAY WHEN YOU TOLD HIM?

16

17 **NINA NICKLAS:** WHICH ASSEMBLYMAN?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T KNOW.

20

21 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** WELL, WE HAVE BEEN --

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH ONE DID YOU TALK TO?

24

25 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** WE'VE TALKED TO MY DIRECTOR.



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2 **ROSALINA GATILA:** WE TALKED TO MANY. THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT  
3 THEY'RE GOING TO CLOSE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND? THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE  
6 DOING IT. WHEN YOU TALK TO THEM, WHAT DID THEY SAY?

7

8 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** THAT THEY'RE TRYING THEIR BEST TO KEEP OUR  
9 CENTERS OPEN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WOULD BE "TRYING" TO YOU?

12

13 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** WHAT WAS YOUR QUESTION, I'M SORRY?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT WOULD BE "TRYING" TO YOU?

16

17 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** TO ME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT WERE THEY TRYING TO DO TO RETAIN  
20 THE CENTERS IS WHAT SHE SAID?

21

22 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** PROBABLY DOING PUBLIC HEARINGS, HAVING  
23 RALLIES.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. I THINK YOU MISUNDERSTOOD. IT'S THE  
2   LEGISLATURE, OKAY? THE LEGISLATURE. I WANT TO KNOW WHEN YOU  
3   SPOKE TO THE ASSEMBLYMAN OR THE SENATOR IN YOUR AREA, WHAT WAS  
4   HIS RESPONSE? SEE, YOU'RE SPEAKING TO US. AND WE HAVE NO  
5   AUTHORITY. AND YOU'VE BROUGHT ALL THESE PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT  
6   YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A STATEMENT. BUT YOU'RE MAKING A  
7   STATEMENT TO THE WRONG GROUP OF PEOPLE.

8

9   **SPEAKER:** DOESN'T THAT HELP AT LEAST LITTLE BIT?

10

11   **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** WE ARE DESPERATE. WE'RE DESPERATE.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT IT'S LIKE GOING AND TALKING TO  
14   HER. JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE DESPERATE, WHY DON'T YOU DEVELOP A  
15   STRATEGY AND ASK THE ASSEMBLYMAN AND THE SENATOR TO COME SO  
16   THEY COULD VISIT AND SEE THE PLIGHT OF THE SITUATION?

17

18   **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** NO, NO.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR A LOT OF ISSUES. WE HAVE TO  
21   BE THE ADVOCATE OF PEOPLE IN MANY AREAS. THE WOMAN EARLIER WAS  
22   SPEAKING ABOUT FOSTER CARE. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. BUT  
23   IN THIS AREA, THIS IS TOTALLY A STATE LEGISLATIVE THING. AND  
24   SO I WOULD REALLY ASK YOU TO MAYBE -- I DON'T KNOW WHO



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1 ORGANIZED IT ALL. BUT IT'S REALLY -- IT SHOULD BE ORGANIZED TO  
2 THE ASSEMBLYMAN AND THE SENATOR THAT REPRESENT YOU.

3

4 **ALICIA MENGIVAR:** OKAY, WELL THANK YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION,  
5 GLORIA. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LENA NICKLAS? GEORGE MCFARLAND?  
8 PATRICK O'ROURKE. ERIC PREVEN.

9

10 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM  
11 THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND  
12 TO MRS. MOLINA ON THAT, THAT VERY REASONABLE POINT SHE MADE  
13 THAT THE INDIVIDUALS FROM SILVER LAKE WERE NOT IN HER  
14 IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION ON THIS. WE JUST HEARD ABOUT WHAT  
15 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REFERRED TO AS A POOL OF \$800 MILLION  
16 THAT HAS NOT BEEN DEPLOYED PROPERLY THAT HAS BEEN MISMANAGED,  
17 THAT HAS BEEN RIDICULOUSLY BUNGLED BY MEMBERS OF THIS  
18 GOVERNING BODY. AND WHEN THAT WOMAN WAS HERE PLEADING WITH HER  
19 TROOPS, I THINK SHE WAS TRYING TO ARTICULATE: IS THERE  
20 ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO, SUPERVISOR MOLINA? IS THERE ANYTHING  
21 THAT MAYOR ANTONOVICH CAN DO TO FIND SOME FUNDS TO KEEP THE  
22 DOORS OPEN OF THE SILVER LAKE ADULT CARE CENTER? AND YOU MAY  
23 HAVE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES, WE'RE ALL AWARE OF THAT. IT'S VERY  
24 HARD TO GET OUR NOSE IN TO SEE WHAT THE BUDGETARY PROBLEMS ARE  
25 BECAUSE AS YOU RECALL ON THE DAY WHEN THE BUDGET CAME THE



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1 BOARD, THERE WAS ONE RESIDENT SPEAKING AND HE WAS GIVEN TWO  
2 MINUTES THANKS TO MAYOR ANTONOVICH, IT'S OKAY, MISS MOLINA,  
3 YOU'LL GET A CHANCE, GIVE ME A MOMENT. AND TODAY THIS  
4 AFTERNOON I WILL SPEAK FOR THE THIRD TIME WITH A SENIOR  
5 ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THIS STATE, AND HE WILL THROW HIS HANDS UP  
6 AND SAY: IT'S AT THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD HOW THEY RUN  
7 THEIR MEETINGS, HOW THEY WEIGH IN. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY IS  
8 ENTITLED TO SLUMP DOWN WHEN MR. PREVEN HITS HIS BULLY PULPIT  
9 IS WHAT DON KNABE SAID. WELL EVERYBODY DOES. BUT THE PROBLEMS  
10 ARE NOT GETTING BETTER. I KNOW. MAYBE THAT'S WHAT YOU DO.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU'RE ANNOYING.

13

14 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'M ANNOYING, THANK YOU. MANY OF US ARE ANNOYED  
15 BY THE ACTIONS WE SEE HERE. AND WHEN MERRICK BOBB PUT ON YOUR  
16 DESK AND ON-- OH, HE'S ON THE PHONE. THAT'S A GOOD TRICK. THAT  
17 WORKS WELL. ASK RIDLEY-THOMAS, MAYBE YOU COULD CALL EACH  
18 OTHER, THAT WOULD BE A FUNNY ONE. MAYBE NOT. WE'RE TIRED OF  
19 THE ACCOUNTABILITY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW WAIT A MINUTE NOW.

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23 **ERIC PREVEN:** (OFF MIC) .

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU THINK WE DID NOT UNDERSTAND THAT?



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2 **ERIC PREVEN:** ( OFF MIC) .

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, YOU KNOW WHAT? LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, MR.  
5 PREVEN ABOUT RUDE, WAIT. MY TIME. FIRST OF ALL, ALL OF THESE  
6 PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO BE HERE TO ASK, OKAY? BUT SOMEBODY  
7 ORGANIZED THEM TO COME HERE IN THEIR WHEELCHAIRS AND IN THEIR  
8 WALKERS, OKAY? AND A LOT OF INCONVENIENCE TO COME HERE WHERE  
9 THIS IS NOT THE PLACE WHERE THEY CAN GET THE KIND OF RESOLVE  
10 THAT THEY NEED. SO THAT'S WHY I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT THEIR  
11 ASSEMBLYMAN AND THEIR SENATOR WHO SHOULD BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE  
12 FOR THIS END OF IT, SIR. SO PLEASE DO NOT -- EXCUSE ME -- I  
13 WAS TRYING TO MAKE A POINT AND IT'S OVER FOR YOU, BY THE WAY.  
14 YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO RESPOND TO THIS. I AM TELLING YOU. I WAS  
15 TRYING TO MAKE A POINT VERY CLEARLY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S  
16 UNFORTUNATE. YOU'RE RIGHT. THEY'RE ENTITLED TO THESE SERVICES.  
17 BUT WHEN THE LEGISLATURE MAKES DECISIONS AS THEY DO VERY  
18 REGULARLY, IT'S NOT LIKE WE COULD CHANGE IT FOR THEM. I HAVE  
19 SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY, THEY'VE MADE  
20 THIS DECISION. AND THE PEOPLE THEY NEED TO TALK TO ARE THEIR  
21 SENATOR AND THEIR ASSEMBLYMAN SIR. SO THAT'S ENOUGH. ENOUGH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THIS ISSUE GOES WAY BEYOND THIS ONE CENTER.  
24 AND THAT'S THE ISSUE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT DON'T YOU DARE EVER INTERPRET THAT WHAT I AM  
2    SAYING IS RUDE. IT WAS INFORMATIONAL. BECAUSE I THINK THEY  
3    SHOULD ORGANIZE AND GO TO THE ASSEMBLYMAN'S OFFICE AND TELL  
4    THEM OF THEIR PLIGHT. WE ALL UNDERSTAND IT. IT'S VERY TRAGIC.  
5    (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

6

7    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN, YOU'RE THROUGH NOW. MR.  
8    PREVEN, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER.

9

10   **LILIA SHIMANOV:** MY NAME IS LILIA SHIMANOV AND I LIVE IN SANTA  
11   MONICA. I LIVE IN SANTA MONICA. I'M ALMOST 80 -- I AM ALMOST  
12   80 YEARS OLD. AND I CAME ALSO TO ASK YOU, BEG YOU NOT TO CLOSE  
13   OUR HEALTH CENTERS BECAUSE IT IS GIVING US MORE HELP THAN  
14   THESE CAN AFFORD. WE CANNOT STAY HOME BY OURSELVES WHEN THE  
15   CENTER WOULD BE CLOSED. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. WE HAVE  
16   PEOPLE WHO ARE 95, 97, BLIND PEOPLE, VERY POOR HEALTH PEOPLE.  
17   WHAT CAN WE DO? WHERE CAN WE GO AND TALK TO PEOPLE NOT TO  
18   CLOSE OUR CENTERS? I'M IN THE CENTER OF MARINA DEL REY. AND WE  
19   CAME HERE TO BEG YOU. WE KNOW THAT SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN IS  
20   HERE NOW IN LOS ANGELES. MAYBE SHE'S HERE, I DON'T SEE HER.  
21   BUT WE ARE BEGGING YOU NOT TO CLOSE OUR CENTERS. PLEASE HELP  
22   US. BEGGING YOU.

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24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **LILIA SHIMANOV:** THANK YOU.

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3    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP WALTER BECKTEL.

4    YES, SIR. YES, SIR. OR YES, MA'AM.

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6    **GEORGE MCFARLAND:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY  
7    OFFICIALS. MY NAME IS GEORGE MCFARLAND. I'M A FORMER LAW  
8    ENFORCEMENT STATE OFFICER. MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, HER NAME IS  
9    FLOSSY MAE T. SHE IS A RETIRED VETERAN FROM THE UNITED STATES  
10   MILITARY. SHE IS DISABLED. SHE LIVES WITH MY WIFE AND MYSELF.  
11   SHE CAN'T WALK. SHE HAS TO BE CARRIED FROM HER BED TO HER  
12   WHEELCHAIR TO GET TO HER DAY PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE MORNINGSIDE  
13   DAY PROGRAM LOCATED IN INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, ON MANCHESTER  
14   BOULEVARD. I'M NOT HERE TO COMPLAIN. I KNOW YOUR HANDS ARE  
15   TIED ALSO. BUT I'M JUST HOPING THROUGH THE GRACE OF GOD THAT  
16   THERE IS SOME WAY, SOMEHOW THAT THERE'S SOME RECONSIDERATION  
17   IN REGARDS TO NOT ONLY CLOSING THAT CENTER BUT THE OTHER  
18   SENIORS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS, ALSO. I'M WELL AWARE OF THE  
19   STATE BUDGET, THE CITY BUDGET, THE NATIONAL BUDGET, THAT  
20   THINGS ARE NOT GOOD. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT ONCE AGAIN, I'M  
21   JUST KIND OF PLEADING FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE PAVED  
22   THE WAY FOR US, WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY, WHO HAVE BEEN  
23   HARD WORKERS. AND I'M JUST HOPING THAT SOMETHING COULD BE  
24   DONE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY, THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MR. MCFARLAND. YES MA'AM.

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3    **LENA NICKLAS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LENA NICKLAS, I'M THE  
4    PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR LONG LIFE ADULT DAY HEALTHCARE CENTER.  
5    WE'RE HERE WITH SEVERAL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS. I'D JUST LIKE TO  
6    MAKE A COMMENT REGARDING THE BUDGET. I UNDERSTAND THAT WE DO  
7    NEED TO MAKE SOME CUTS AND SAVINGS. HOWEVER, CUTTING 80 H.C.S  
8    WILL INCREASE THE EXPENSES. THERE WILL BE MORE 911 CALLS.  
9    THERE WILL BE MORE PARTICIPANTS PLACED IN NURSING HOMES. I  
10    GUARANTEE THAT THE COSTS WILL GO UP. IT WILL NOT GO DOWN. SO  
11    AGAIN WITH EVERYONE ELSE HERE, WE ARE ASKING IF THERE'S  
12    ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR SENIORS AND THE  
13    ELDERLY AND THE POPULATION MOST AT RISK, HELP KEEP THEM SAFE  
14    AND HEALTHY. I THINK THAT'S JUST WHAT WE'RE ALL HERE TO ASK  
15    FOR YOUR HELP. WHETHER YOU CAN DO SOME --

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17    **SUP. MOLINA:** DID YOU TALK TO THE SENATOR OR ASSEMBLYMAN?

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19    **LENA NICKLAS:** YES, WE HAVE.

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21    **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT DID THEY SAY?

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23    **LENA NICKLAS:** THEY'RE GOING TO HELP, AS WELL. THEY SAID  
24    THEY'RE GOING TO CALL THE GOVERNOR.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS AUTHOR LEGISLATION. HAVE  
2   ANY OF THEM OFFERED TO AUTHOR LEGISLATION YET?

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4   **LENA NICKLAS:** NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

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6   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATIVE  
7   BILL.

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9   **LENA NICKLAS:** OKAY. THAT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT IT DOES REQUIRE THEM. WE ARE  
12   NOT MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. SO WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO  
13   IT.

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15   **LENA NICKLAS:** THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR TIME.

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17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ANTONIA  
18   RAMIREZ AND ARNOLD SACHS. MR. BECKTEL.

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20   **WALTER BECKTEL:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I WANTED  
21   TO TALK TO THE BOARD, I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS ENTIRELY YOUR  
22   JURISDICTION, ABOUT THE 30-DAY BUS PASSES. WE USED TO, THE  
23   SENIOR AND DISABLED PEOPLE, HAVE A MONTHLY BUS PASS. AS I  
24   UNDERSTAND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FUNDED YOU WITH 365 DAYS  
25   OF FUNDING SO THAT YOU CAN HELP TO REDUCE OUR BUS FARES TO A



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1 NOMINAL AMOUNT OF MONEY. AND INSTEAD WITH THIS NEW 30-DAY BUS  
2 PASS THING, WE ARE ONLY GETTING 360 DAYS BACK OUT OF THE 365  
3 YOU'RE BEING PAID FOR. WILL YOU PLEASE ASK M.T.A. TO REVIEW  
4 THAT AND TO CORRECT THE SITUATION? THE MONEY IS BEING  
5 POCKETED. IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO OUT BACK TO US, ALL 365, NOT  
6 JUST 360 DAYS. SOMEBODY'S DECEIVING SOMEBODY. AND WE WOULD  
7 APPRECIATE THAT IT BE RETURNED TO US PROPERLY. THAT'S ALL I  
8 WANTED TO SAY. I'M GOING TO TRY TO SPEAK AT THE MEETING ON  
9 THURSDAY THE 27TH AND SAY THE SAME THING, ESSENTIALLY. BUT I  
10 BELIEVE YOU WERE ALL DECEIVED. BECAUSE IT SOUNDS LIKE 30 DAYS  
11 SOUNDS LIKE A MONTH. BUT 30 DAYS IS NOT 30 DAYS. 30 TIMES 12  
12 IS ONLY 360 DAYS. THERE ARE 365 DAYS, SOMETIMES 366 DAYS A  
13 YEAR. SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A MENTION OF THAT. THANK YOU.  
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MISS RAMIREZ?

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18 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** I'M PUTTING THE HOMELAND  
19 SECURITY/I.C.E./I.N.S./ALL JUDGES AND COMMISSIONERS AND THE  
20 F.B.I. ON JUDICIAL NOTICE. PUBLIC SAFETY AND DOMESTIC  
21 SOVEREIGNTY IS IN PERIL. AND I'D LIKE TO EXPOSE THE CRIMINAL  
22 ILLEGAL ALIENS AND FREELOADING GANG BANGERS WHO ARE COMMITTING  
23 GRAVE CRIMINAL OFFENSES IN EAST L.A. AND SOCIETY AT LARGE.  
24 THEY ARE THE FOLLOWING. THIS IS A PARTIAL LIST: LOUISE AND  
25 LUIS MOYA WERE FINALLY EVICTED FOR NONPAYMENT AND PROPERTY



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1 DAMAGE ALONG WITH OTHER CRIMES. FELIPE RODRIGUEZ, OPHELIA  
2 RODRIGUEZ AND LUIS GRACIA, 3721 EAST 55TH STREET IN MAYWOOD,  
3 CALIFORNIA, 90270. 3738, 3739, 3744, 3748, 3749 AND 3750, ALL  
4 ON EAST 55TH STREET IN MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, 90270 ALONG WITH  
5 VALERIE JIMINEZ AND JESUS AT 3747-1/2 EAST 55TH STREET. AND  
6 MARIA AND MANUEL FROM EL SALVADOR, CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS AND  
7 CHANGOS. MARIA MANUELA CRUZ AT 3741-1/2 EAST 55TH STREET,  
8 GETTING MEDI-CAL AND VISITING NURSES WHILE THE MILITARY  
9 VETERANS ARE HOMELESS. CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT ONE? THE EAST L.A.  
10 IS A CESSPOOL OF URBAN BLIGHT THANKS TO THE CORRUPTED CHONGO  
11 GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM AND DIRTY LATINO RACIST ROGUE DEPUTIES  
12 WHO ARE MENTALLY DERANGED OR 5150. THEY ARE DEPUTIES LOMELEE,  
13 CRUZ, AGUIRRE, HENRY ROMERO, DANIEL LOPEZ, VALENCIA, PACHECO  
14 DURAN, MARTINEZ, JAY MURILLO, PEDRO MEJILLA, HECTOR ANDUJO,  
15 GEORGE BERNAL, FEMALE SANDOVAL, FEMALE PARA, WHO ARE ALL  
16 UNETHICAL PUSSIES. GET A REAL JOB. DRAG QUEENS WOULD BE UP  
17 YOUR ALLY. DON'T FORGET YOUR HIGH HEELS, YOUR BRASSIERES AND  
18 YOUR MINISKIRTS. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE GOVERNOR  
19 OF ARIZONA, THE HONORABLE JAN BREWER. GOD WE COULD USE YOU IN  
20 EAST L.A. THANK YOU FOR THE AGGRESSIVE AND THE STAND THAT  
21 YOU'RE TAKING AGAINST THESE ILLEGALS AND CRIMINAL GANG  
22 BANGERS. YOU'RE PROTECTING THE RANCHERS AND THEIR PROPERTY,  
23 WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED DO, PROTECT THEIR PERSONAL PROPERTY  
24 AND PROPERTY IN ARIZONA. COME TO EAST L.A. WE WELCOME YOU.  
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. MR.  
3 SACHS?

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I MUST  
6 BE ON A ROLL. I'M LAST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE FOUR TIME IN  
7 A ROW. I WAS JUST WONDERING REGARDING WHAT THE ELDERLY  
8 PATIENTS WHO CAME HERE TO DISCUSS THEIR CUTS IN THE  
9 HEALTHCARE, DONE BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE. IN TODAY'S AGENDA,  
10 YOU ARE DRAFTING A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND  
11 THE STATE LEGISLATURE. COULD SOMEBODY MAKE A MOTION TO DRAFT A  
12 FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER REGARDING THE CUTS TO HEALTHCARE REFORM  
13 FROM THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? THAT'S WITHIN YOUR  
14 PURVIEW. MAYBE YOU COULD STEP UP AND DO THAT. EVEN THOUGH THE  
15 LEGISLATURE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CUTS, YOU STILL HAVE THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER. SO DON'T SAY  
17 IT'S WITHOUT -- OUTSIDE OF YOUR PURVIEW. JUST TO CHANGE GEARS  
18 A LITTLE BIT, I DID WANT TO COMMENT A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
19 MICHAEL JACKSON TRIAL, NOT NECESSARILY THE TRIAL, BUT WHO'S  
20 WATCHING OUT FOR THE PUBLIC HERE? THERE'S TWO STORIES. WELL  
21 FIRST OF ALL LET ME READ THIS STORY. THIS IS FROM 8/20. A  
22 DOCTOR WHO WROTE PRESCRIPTIONS FOR NEARLY A MILLION TABLETS OF  
23 THE POWERFUL PAINKILLER HYDROCODONE HAS BEEN INDICTED. A  
24 MILLION PILLS. GUARD SAYS JACKSON DOC GRABBED VIALS. SAYS IN  
25 THIS STORY THAT SCHAEFFER CALLED THE AMOUNT OF PROPOFOL MURRAY





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1 HAD ORDERED IN THE MONTHS LEADING UP TO JACKSON'S DEATH AN  
2 EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT. HIS CALCULATIONS SHOWED THAT MORE THAN 4  
3 GALLONS OF THE DRUG WERE SHIPPED TO MURRAY, AVERAGING OUT TO  
4 2,000 MILLIGRAMS PER DAY. WHO'S LOOKING OUT FOR THE PUBLIC  
5 WHEN DOCTORS CAN PRESCRIBE OR GET THEIR HANDS ON THIS MUCH  
6 NARCOTICS? IT'S OUTRAGEOUS THAT NOBODY QUESTIONS ANY OF THESE,  
7 THAT THIS IS JUST A OH, YOU KNOW, WHAT, TODAY'S MONDAY,  
8 TODAY'S TUESDAY, TODAY'S WEDNESDAY, LET'S ORDER ANOTHER 50  
9 PILLS, LET'S ORDER ANOTHER FOUR GALLONS. WHAT THE HELL IS  
10 GOING ON?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE HAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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14 **SPEAKER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS  
15 HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN  
16 CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL  
17 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM NO. CS-2,  
18 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE  
19 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM NO. CS-3, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT,  
20 CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF  
21 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES; ITEM NO. CS-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD  
22 PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS; ITEM NO. CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL  
23 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION; AND ITEM NO. CS-6,  
24 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE



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1 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AND  
2 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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